



Evelyn Joyce Caldwell

September 7, 1948 - September 8, 2026

Augusta, Georgia

Evelyn Joyce Caldwell died in Augusta on September 8, 2026. She was 78. Born in Augusta on September 7, 1948, into a African American household that treated work as a language. She learned early that a day is something you finish, not something you wait for.

She worked nights when the halls were longest, plating trays that had to be hot and kind at once. She learned every allergy card by heart and never treated a request as an inconvenience. Colleagues still mention a hairnet she washed every night.

She married Willie in 1973. They kept a house that stayed modest when the neighborhood did not. They raised a daughter through public schools and ordinary weather. After Willie died in 2019, she kept the routines that still made sense: the walk, the garden, the Sunday call.

Neighbors remember a rake leaned against a shared fence after a storm. She liked early mornings before the heat or the noise. She died in Augusta, among streets she never needed to explain. The radio is still tuned to the station that played while work got done.

Services

A memorial gathering in Augusta with coffee afterward. In lieu of flowers, a gift to a local workers' fund, clinic, or neighborhood library is welcome.

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