



Frances Lillian McElroy

January 17, 1943 - September 5, 2026

Savannah, Georgia

Frances Lillian McElroy died in Savannah on September 5, 2026. She was 83. Born in Savannah on January 17, 1943, into a Scotch-Irish household that treated work as a language. She learned early that a day is something you finish, not something you wait for.

She tended frames that sang and broke in the same hour. Lint lived in her hair like weather, and she taught younger women how to listen for a thread about to fail. Colleagues still mention a lunch pail dented on one corner.

She married Boyd in 1965. They kept a house that stayed modest when the neighborhood did not. They raised three children through public schools and ordinary weather. After Boyd died in 2019, she kept the routines that still made sense: the walk, the garden, the Sunday call.

Neighbors remember someone who swept the sidewalk past the property line when weather had been unfair. She liked early mornings before the heat or the noise. She died in Savannah, among streets she never needed to explain. The recipe card is still stained in the useful places.

Services

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

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