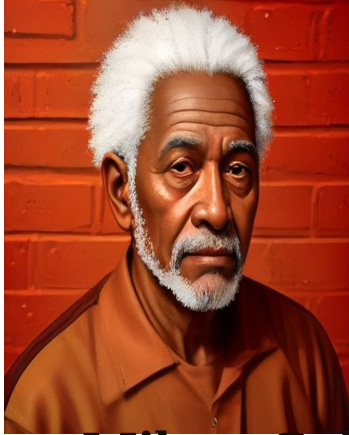




George Milton Colquitt

September 7, 1949 - August 26, 2026

Louisville, Kentucky

George Milton Colquitt died in Louisville on August 26, 2026. He was seventy-six. Born there on September 7, 1949, he grew up knowing the river as a weekday neighbor and a warehouse as a clock. He learned a pallet jack before he learned a necktie. A clean aisle, he said, is a kind of promise: it has to hold or the whole story is a trip.

He spent a decade in a rickhouse that smelled of oak and patience, then twenty-two years as a night engineer in a brick high school that did not look like the brochures. He was the man who could hear a boiler before the gauge admitted it. He did not advertise. Principals called him because he would tell the truth about a unit even when the truth postponed a Monday. He charged a fair hour on the side when a church van needed a lift more than a sermon.

He married Inez Colquitt in 1972. They raised three children in a shotgun that grew a porch and then a second porch because the first one filled with cousins. Inez kept the choir. George grilled on Sundays and considered a plate of smoked mutton a seasonal obligation. After his knees quit the worst catwalks he still came out for a favorite boiler, moving slower, swearing less, doing the same honest work.

Friends remember a man who wiped his hands before he shook yours, who could stand in a noise without making it a personality, and who left a mechanical room cleaner than he found it. He loved a quiet porch at dusk, a glass of tea he did not finish, and the sound of a plant that had decided to live. He died in Louisville, in the city whose river and brick had written his calendar. The school still opens. Someone else will hear the sound that means trouble.

Services

Visitation in Louisville, then a simple service. A gift to a school maintenance scholarship or a neighborhood pantry is welcome.

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