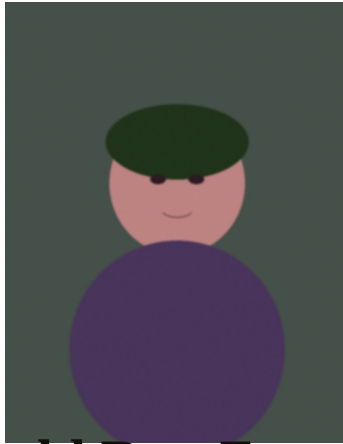




## Gerald Ray Zamudio

*July 7, 1940 - August 3, 2026*

Burlington, Vermont

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On August 3, 2026, Gerald Ray Zamudio died at home in Burlington. He was 86. He was born on July 7, 1940 in a Ethiopian-American family that measured love in finished chores. He grew up believing that showing up was the first craft.

He baked mornings into trays that left before the first bell. A cafeteria timer that never failed outlasted two principals. Colleagues still mention a cafeteria timer that never failed.

He and Dorothy married in 1964 and raised two children without needing an audience. After Dorothy's death in 2019, he held to quiet habits-coffee before dawn, a tended yard, a voice on the phone that still checked in.

Neighbors remember a shovel borrowed and returned sharper. He preferred the hour before a town fully wakes. Burlington was home enough that he never rehearsed an introduction. The Sunday call still has a time slot in the house.

What remains is not a legend but a practice: showing up, keeping a promise, leaving a place better than you found it. His life was the kind America is built from and too often forgets to name.

### Services

A quiet remembrance in Burlington. Those who wish may give to a neighborhood library, food pantry, or workers' aid fund instead of flowers.

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