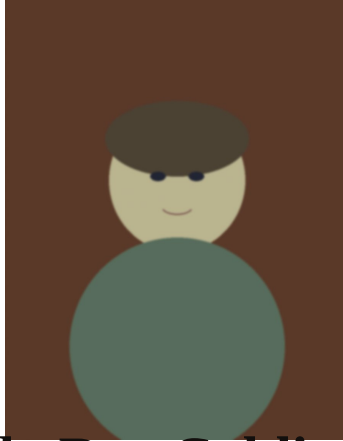




Ida Rae Coldiron

October 24, 1945 - October 15, 2024

Erie, Pennsylvania

Ida Rae Coldiron, 78, of Erie, died on October 15, 2024. Born October 24, 1945 in Erie, carrying French-Canadian stories that arrived without footnotes. From the start, she treated promises like tools: keep them sharp, do not lend them lightly.

She cleaned barns that carried other people's mornings. A bus barn checklist yellowed but legible outlasted three managers. Colleagues still mention a bus barn checklist yellowed but legible.

She married Bernard in 1970. They kept a house that stayed modest when the neighborhood did not. They raised a daughter and two sons through public schools and ordinary weather. After Bernard died in 2017, she kept the routines that still made sense: the walk, the garden, the Sunday call.

Neighbors remember a wave from the driveway that meant you were seen. She preferred the hour before a town fully wakes. Erie was home enough that she never rehearsed an introduction. The lunch pail still waits by the back door.

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

Services

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

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