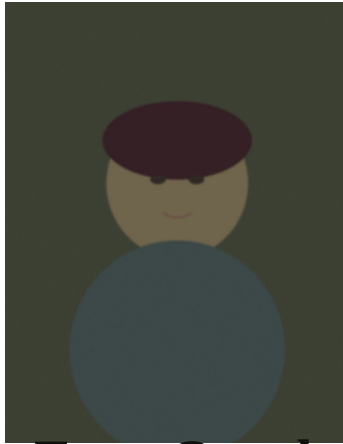




Irene Faye Overholtzer

April 18, 1937 - January 16, 2026

Tallahassee, Florida

Tallahassee lost Irene Faye Overholtzer on January 16, 2026. She was 88. Born on April 18, 1937 and raised among Hungarian-American manners that never needed a speech. She grew up believing that showing up was the first craft.

She oiled presses that shook the floor into a rhythm. A press oil can wiped bright meant tomorrow would not invent grades. Colleagues still mention a press oil can wiped bright.

In 1963 she married Harold. The marriage was not a speech; it was groceries, repairs, and three daughters walked to school in weather that did not care. When Harold died in 2019, she kept what still worked: the early walk, the small garden, the call on Sundays.

Neighbors remember a jumper cable offered before the tow truck was dialed. She liked early mornings before the heat or the noise. She died in Tallahassee, among streets she never needed to explain. The work gloves still keep the shape of a grip.

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

Services in Tallahassee will be simple: stories, coffee, and the names of people who showed up. Flowers optional; support for a local clinic or trade scholarship preferred.

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