



## Irene Mae Wertheimer

*August 26, 1945 - April 12, 2026*

Hilo, Hawaii

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Irene Mae Wertheimer, 80, of Hilo, died on April 12, 2026. Born August 26, 1945 in Hilo, carrying African American stories that arrived without footnotes. From the start, she treated promises like tools: keep them sharp, do not lend them lightly.

She kept tallies that turned lumber into wages without inventing lengths. A lumber tally book yellowed but legible outlasted three managers. Colleagues still mention a lumber tally book yellowed but legible.

She and Ralph married in 1972 and raised three sons without needing an audience. After Ralph's death in 2019, she held to quiet habits-coffee before dawn, a tended yard, a voice on the phone that still checked in.

Neighbors remember snow shoveled past the corner that was not required. Mornings were her favorite shift at home. She died in Hilo, on streets that already knew her pace. 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

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

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