



Judith Lynn Takeuchi

April 23, 1941 - August 15, 2026

Buffalo, New York

On August 15, 2026, Judith Lynn Takeuchi died at home in Buffalo. She was 85. She was born on April 23, 1941 in a Japanese-American family that measured love in finished chores. She learned early that a day is something you finish, not something you wait for.

She ran nights when the terminal felt like another country. A produce cooler clipboard kept tempo without cruelty. Colleagues still mention a produce cooler clipboard.

She and George married in 1965 and raised two sons and a daughter without needing an audience. After George'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 a shovel borrowed and returned sharper. She liked early mornings before the heat or the noise. She died in Buffalo, 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

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

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