



## Lois Hope Zook

*October 28, 1939 - June 10, 2026*

Hilo, Hawaii

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Hilo lost Lois Hope Zook on June 10, 2026. She was 86. Born on October 28, 1939, with Cajun roots that shaped the table more than the flag. Early on, she decided that a paycheck and a handshake should weigh the same.

She worked a cut floor that smelled of piecework and care. A cut-floor glove clip labeled twice rebuilt more trust than memos. Colleagues still mention a cut-floor glove clip labeled twice.

She and Joseph married in 1963 and raised two daughters and a son without needing an audience. After Joseph'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 covered dishes that arrived without a speech. Mornings were her favorite shift at home. She died in Hilo, on streets that already knew her pace. 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 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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