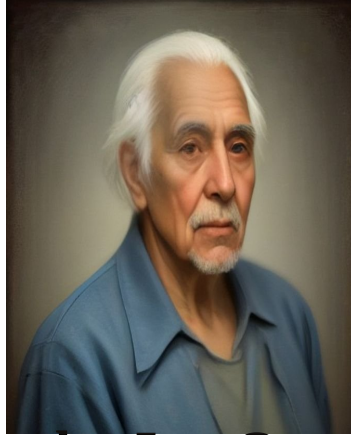




Malcolm Ian Oquendo

December 16, 1942 - September 8, 2026

Rockford, Illinois

Malcolm Ian Oquendo died in Rockford on September 8, 2026. He was 83. Born on December 16, 1942, with Puerto Rican roots that shaped the table more than the flag. He learned early that a day is something you finish, not something you wait for.

He drove routes that were also neighborhoods. A transfer punch worn smooth marked years; riders knew him by the way he waited for the elderly. Colleagues still mention a transfer punch worn smooth.

He married Margaret in 1967. They kept a house that stayed modest when the neighborhood did not. They raised a son and a daughter through public schools and ordinary weather. After Margaret died in 2019, he kept the routines that still made sense: the walk, the garden, the Sunday call.

Neighbors remember a porch light left on for anyone walking home late. He liked early mornings before the heat or the noise. He died in Rockford, among streets he never needed to explain. The recipe card is still stained in the useful places.

Services

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

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