



Marceline Rose Dufresne

March 5, 1944 - September 7, 2026

Worcester, Massachusetts

Marceline Rose Dufresne died in Worcester on September 7, 2026. She was 82. Born in Worcester on March 5, 1944, into a Franco-American household that treated work as a language. She learned early that a day is something you finish, not something you wait for.

She tended frames that sang and broke in the same hour. Lint lived in her hair like weather; she taught younger women to listen for a failing thread. Colleagues still mention a lunch pail dented on one corner.

She married Henri 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 Henri died in 2019, she kept the routines that still made sense: the walk, the garden, the Sunday call.

Neighbors remember a wave from the driveway that meant you were seen. She liked early mornings before the heat or the noise. She died in Worcester, among streets she never needed to explain. The chair by the window still holds the shape of a habit.

Services

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

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