



Marie Claire Tremblay

January 19, 1944 - September 8, 2026

Grand Rapids, Michigan

Marie Claire Tremblay died in Grand Rapids on September 8, 2026. She was 82. Born on January 19, 1944, into a French-Canadian household that treated work as a language. She learned early that a day is something you finish, not something you wait for.

She built cars on a line that measured people in stations. A union pin on her winter coat was biography. Colleagues still mention a union pin on a winter coat.

She married Jean in 1966. They kept a house that stayed modest when the neighborhood did not. They raised two sons through public schools and ordinary weather. After Jean died in 2019, she kept the routines that still made sense: the walk, the garden, the Sunday call.

Neighbors remember someone who swept the sidewalk past the property line when weather had been unfair. She liked early mornings before the heat or the noise. She died in Grand Rapids, among streets she never needed to explain. The chair by the window still holds the shape of a habit.

Services

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

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