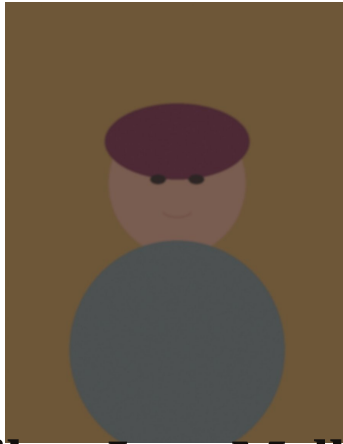




Marilyn Jean Mellinger

March 18, 1943 - October 19, 2017

Orlando, Florida

Marilyn Jean Mellinger of Orlando died on October 19, 2017 at the age of 74. Born March 18, 1943 in Orlando, carrying French-Canadian stories that arrived without footnotes. Early on, she decided that a paycheck and a handshake should weigh the same.

She dipped insulators that shelves could trust. An insulator dipper rack tag never left the wall within reach. Colleagues still mention an insulator dipper rack tag.

In 1969 she married Jerry. The marriage was not a speech; it was groceries, repairs, and three children walked to school in weather that did not care. When Jerry died in 2010, she kept what still worked: the early walk, the small garden, the call on Sundays.

Neighbors remember a jumper cable offered before the tow truck was dialed. She preferred the hour before a town fully wakes. Orlando was home enough that she never rehearsed an introduction. 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

Services in Orlando will be simple: stories, coffee, and the names of people who showed up. Flowers optional; support for a local clinic or trade scholarship preferred.

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