



# Marvin Earl Mast

*July 7, 1929 - January 3, 2026*

Lafayette, Louisiana

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Marvin Earl Mast of Lafayette died on January 3, 2026 at the age of 96. Born in Lafayette on July 7, 1929, into a Japanese-American household that treated work as a language. He learned early that a day is something you finish, not something you wait for.

He stacked lumber until waste stopped being an option. A lumber crayon stub in a shirt pocket decided what the yard could sell. Colleagues still mention a lumber crayon stub in a shirt pocket.

He married Betty in 1951. 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 Betty died in 2019, he kept the routines that still made sense: the walk, the garden, the Sunday call.

Neighbors remember quiet help with a stuck mailbox or a heavy trash can. Mornings were his favorite shift at home. He died in Lafayette, on streets that already knew his pace. The extra coffee is still in the thermos.

## Services

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

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