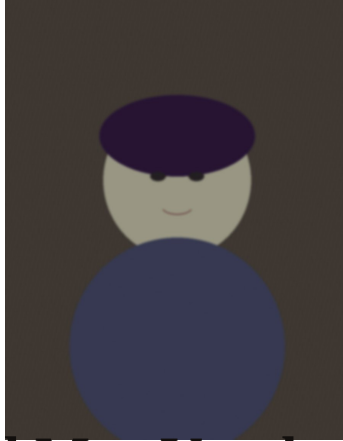




Opal Mae Vanderbeke

March 21, 1936 - February 4, 2026

Tallahassee, Florida

Opal Mae Vanderbeke died in Tallahassee on February 4, 2026. She was 89. Born on March 21, 1936, with African-American roots that shaped the table more than the flag. She learned that neighborhoods remember who helps without being asked.

She tended barns that decided winters for farms that did not write novels. A redrying plant thermometer kept moist was gospel in small print. Colleagues still mention a redrying plant thermometer.

She married Clarence in 1958. They kept a house that stayed modest when the neighborhood did not. They raised two daughters and a son through public schools and ordinary weather. After Clarence 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 preferred the hour before a town fully wakes. Tallahassee was home enough that she never rehearsed an introduction. The lunch pail still waits by the back door.

Services

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

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