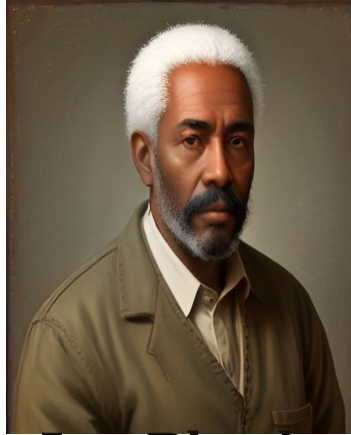




Otis Lee Bloodworth

May 14, 1952 - August 26, 2026

Augusta, Georgia

Otis Lee Bloodworth died in Augusta on August 26, 2026. He was seventy-four. Born there on May 14, 1952, he grew up knowing the mill as a clock and a weather report. His father came home red. Otis learned a wrench before he learned a necktie. He became a millwright because a line that stops is a kind of insult, and because he liked a job whose mistakes were immediately visible.

For thirty-six years he kept machines alive that other men only blamed. He arrived early. He did not advertise. Foremen called him because he would tell the truth about a bearing even when the truth postponed a shift. He charged a fair hour and a smaller one when a church van needed a lift kit more than a sermon. He kept a notebook of machines, not clients.

He married Inez Bloodworth in 1974. They raised three children in a brick house that needed a new porch every twenty years. Inez taught Sunday school. Otis grilled on Sundays and considered a plate of smoked chicken a seasonal obligation. After his knees quit the worst catwalks he still came out for a favorite press, moving slower, swearing less, doing the same honest work.

Friends remember a man who wiped his hands before he shook yours, who could stand in a noise without making it a personality, and who left a floor cleaner than he found it. He loved a quiet porch at dusk, a glass of tea he did not finish, and the sound of a motor that had decided to live. He died in Augusta, in the city whose mill had written his calendar. The line still starts. Someone else will hear the sound that means trouble.

Services

Visitation in Augusta, then a simple service. A gift to a trade-school scholarship or a mill-town food pantry is

welcome.

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