



Phyllis Mae Salguero

April 2, 1939 - September 20, 2025

Roanoke, Virginia

In Roanoke, on September 20, 2025, Phyllis Mae Salguero died at 86. She was born on April 2, 1939 in a Ghanaian-American family that measured love in finished chores. She learned that neighborhoods remember who helps without being asked.

She moved readiness into rooms that surgeries depended on. An orderly cart checklist yellowed but legible outlasted three managers. Colleagues still mention an orderly cart checklist yellowed.

In 1962 she married James. The marriage was not a speech; it was groceries, repairs, and four children walked to school in weather that did not care. When James died in 2018, she kept what still worked: the early walk, the small garden, the call on Sundays.

Neighbors remember a porch light left on for anyone walking home late. She liked early mornings before the heat or the noise. She died in Roanoke, among streets she never needed to explain. The tools are still hung where a hand can find them in the dark.

Services

Services in Roanoke 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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