



Samuel Lewis Greenfield

March 19, 1947 - September 5, 2026

Washington, District of Columbia

Samuel Lewis Greenfield died in Washington, D.C., on September 5, 2026. He was seventy-nine. Born there on March 19, 1947, he grew up east of the river in a row house that treated the Capitol dome as someone else's furniture. He learned a mail sack before he learned a campus. A letter, he said, is a kind of promise: it has to arrive or the whole story is late.

He spent thirty-four years with the Postal Service, first as a clerk, later as the man who could sort a tray by sound. He did not call himself essential. He called himself on time, which he treated as a moral category. When the machines arrived he learned them and then stood where a machine still needed a person. He walked a route in weather that made tourists disappear and neighbors appear.

He married Ruth Greenfield in 1971. They raised a daughter in a house that needed storm windows and a son who needed a ride to Hebrew school. Ruth taught piano. Samuel packed lunches and considered a Sunday bagel at Eastern Market a civic obligation. After he retired he still collected a neighbor's mail when a hip went bad, moving slower, carrying the same canvas bag out of habit.

Friends remember a man who showed up to help move a dryer as if that were the natural use of a Saturday, who could explain a hold notice without making it a sermon, and who kept one good coat. He loved a quiet gallery at the Portrait Gallery, a cup of coffee that was never quite hot enough, and the river when it looked like metal. He died in Washington, the city he refused to narrate as a punch line. The trays still move. Someone else will hear the sound that means a jam.

Services

A memorial in Washington. A gift to a letter carriers' assistance fund or the public library suits him.

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