



Stanley Lee Thistlewood

July 7, 1930 - August 9, 2026

Norfolk, Virginia

Family and neighbors in Norfolk mark the death of Stanley Lee Thistlewood on August 9, 2026. He was 96. Born in Norfolk on July 7, 1930; Ghanaian-American cooking and payday thrift set the tone of the house. He learned that neighborhoods remember who helps without being asked.

He issued cores that kept pours from improvising danger. A core-room sand scoop labeled twice outlasted three managers. Colleagues still mention a core-room sand scoop.

He and Frances married in 1957 and raised two children without needing an audience. After Frances's death in 2019, he held to quiet habits-coffee before dawn, a tended yard, a voice on the phone that still checked in.

Neighbors remember a rake leaned against a shared fence after a storm. Mornings were his favorite shift at home. He died in Norfolk, on streets that already knew his pace. The porch still expects a returning step.

What remains is not a legend but a practice: showing up, keeping a promise, leaving a place better than you found it. His life was the kind America is built from and too often forgets to name.

Services

A quiet remembrance in Norfolk. Those who wish may give to a neighborhood library, food pantry, or workers' aid fund instead of flowers.

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