



Vera Joy Schreckenberg

October 8, 1942 - September 9, 2026

Toledo, Ohio

Vera Joy Schreckenberg of Toledo died on September 9, 2026 at the age of 83. Born on October 8, 1942, with Samoan-American roots that shaped the table more than the flag. She learned early that a day is something you finish, not something you wait for.

She tended kilns that decided winters for farms that did not write novels. A lime kiln sample scoop kept shifts fairer than memos. Colleagues still mention a lime kiln sample scoop.

She and Arthur married in 1966 and raised two daughters and a son without needing an audience. After Arthur's death in 2019, she held to quiet habits-coffee before dawn, a tended yard, a voice on the phone that still checked in.

Neighbors remember covered dishes that arrived without a speech. She liked early mornings before the heat or the noise. She died in Toledo, among streets she never needed to explain. The tools are still hung where a hand can find them in the dark.

Services

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

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