



Wilbur Dale Haverstick

July 23, 1945 - September 15, 2026

Erie, Pennsylvania

Wilbur Dale Haverstick of Erie died on September 15, 2026 at the age of 81. Born on July 23, 1945 and raised among Haitian-American manners that never needed a speech. He grew up believing that showing up was the first craft.

He fed crews and machines on hills that could erase a schedule. A donkey whistle spare reed outlasted two camp bosses. Colleagues still mention a donkey whistle spare reed.

In 1971 he married Patricia. The marriage was not a speech; it was groceries, repairs, and two children walked to school in weather that did not care. When Patricia died in 2019, he kept what still worked: the early walk, the small garden, the call on Sundays.

Neighbors remember a jumper cable offered before the tow truck was dialed. Mornings were his favorite shift at home. He died in Erie, on streets that already knew his pace. The chair by the window still holds the shape of a habit.

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

Services in Erie 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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