



## Yvonne Marie McElhenny

*October 4, 1928 - July 2, 2026*

Mobile, Alabama

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Yvonne Marie McElhenny, 97, of Mobile, died on July 2, 2026. Born in Mobile on October 4, 1928; Peruvian-American cooking and payday thrift set the tone of the house. Early on, she decided that a paycheck and a handshake should weigh the same.

She shaved banks until washboards stopped arguing with water. A canal mower blade bolt tagged twice taught that shortcuts show. Colleagues still mention a canal mower blade bolt tagged.

She and Charles married in 1955 and raised two daughters and a son without needing an audience. After Charles'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 snow shoveled past the corner that was not required. She liked early mornings before the heat or the noise. She died in Mobile, among streets she never needed to explain. The work gloves still keep the shape of a grip.

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

### Services

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

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