



Albert George Pelletier

April 4, 1946 - August 23, 2026

Montpelier, Vermont

Albert George Pelletier died in Montpelier on August 23, 2026. He was eighty. Born there on April 4, 1946, he grew up knowing the river as a workplace, not a backdrop, and a print shop as a clock. He learned a press before he learned a highway. A clean impression, he said, is a kind of promise: it has to hold or the whole story is a smear.

He spent thirty-three years in a small shop that printed ballots, church bulletins, and the unlovely forms that keep a capital from becoming a rumor. He did not romanticize the work. He said a night job was a country with its own weather. He taught younger men that a make-ready is not a suggestion, and that you do not leave a job for the next crew to find in the dark.

He married Elaine Pelletier in 1968. They raised a son and a daughter in a house that smelled of wool and coffee. Elaine kept the library. Albert grilled on Sundays and considered a plate of baked beans a seasonal obligation. After the shop slowed he repaired small engines in a shed and refused to charge a widow what the parts actually cost.

Friends remember a man who wiped his hands before he shook yours, who could stand in a noise without making it a personality, and who left a floor cleaner than he found it. He loved a quiet porch at dusk, a cup of coffee that was never quite hot enough, and the late light on the wet brick. He died in Montpelier, in the cold he had always said you could live with if you buttoned your coat. The shop is someone else's story now. The care he practiced there is harder to replace than a shift.

Services

A service in Montpelier, then coffee. A gift to a town pantry or a high-school shop program suits him.

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