



## Albert Neil Hesson

*March 1, 1942 - November 9, 2025*

Roanoke, Virginia

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Albert Neil Hesson, 83, of Roanoke, died on November 9, 2025. Born on March 1, 1942 and raised among Greek-American manners that never needed a speech. From the start, he treated promises like tools: keep them sharp, do not lend them lightly.

He pulled blocks that festivals and piecework needed with equal care. An ice block tongs chalked outlasted two captains. Colleagues still mention an ice block tongs chalked.

He married Evelyn in 1967. They kept a house that stayed modest when the neighborhood did not. They raised four children through public schools and ordinary weather. After Evelyn died in 2018, he kept the routines that still made sense: the walk, the garden, the Sunday call.

Neighbors remember a wave from the driveway that meant you were seen. He liked early mornings before the heat or the noise. He died in Roanoke, among streets he never needed to explain. The key is still under the same brick.

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 memorial gathering in Roanoke with coffee afterward. In lieu of flowers, a gift to a local workers' fund, clinic, or neighborhood library is welcome.

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