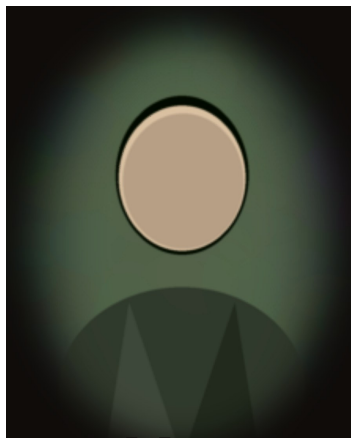




Arnold Palmer

September 10, 1929 - September 25, 2016

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Arnold Daniel Palmer - American golfer whose charging style and working-class charm turned a country-club game into a television passion - died in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, on September 25, 2016. He was eighty-seven. Born September 10, 1929, in Latrobe, Pennsylvania, he learned the course from his father, Deacon Palmer, the greenskeeper and pro who taught him to grip a club without apology for the dirt under his nails.

Seven major championships, including four Masters titles, made him a record book fixture; Arnie's Army made him something rarer - a gallery that followed luck as much as skill. He attacked pins the way an industrial town attacks a payday, and advertisers discovered that America trusted the man who mixed iced tea and lemonade as much as it trusted his swing. He built business and course design into a second career without ever sounding like he had left Latrobe behind.

Pittsburgh was the hospital city near home when heart trouble closed the circle. He died while awaiting cardiac care, leaving fairways that still measure courage by how boldly a player aims.

Latrobe still claims the airport and the lemonade stand lore; tournament galleries measure applause by how many people leave their chairs when a charge starts. He sold the game without selling out the course etiquette his father drilled into him.

He died in Pittsburgh on September 25, 2016. Masters week still feels incomplete without his shadow on the practice green.

Palmer's gift was democratic swagger - proving golf could belong to factory towns and living-room fans alike. Notice Nearby keeps the death date so September 25 remembers the Latrobe kid who made America care about a fairway.

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Died in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, September 25, 2016. Seven-time major champion golfer; Latrobe native; known as The King.

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