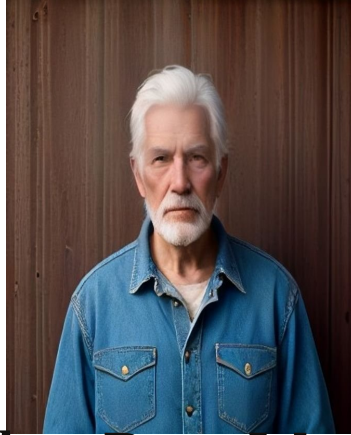




Arthur Dean Woolsey

January 8, 1940 - August 21, 2026

Buhl, Idaho

Arthur Dean Woolsey died in Buhl on August 21, 2026. He was eighty-six. Born there on January 8, 1940, he grew up knowing the canal as a weekday neighbor and a cow as a set of honest problems. His father milked before daylight. Arthur learned that a dairy does not pause for a speech.

He ran a small herd south of town for most of his adult life, then sold milk to a creamery that changed names more than once. He did not advertise. Neighbors called him because he would tell you if a cow did not need the expensive intervention. He kept a handwritten ledger and a jar of extra inflations. He hired a neighbor's kid every summer and taught him that a clean parlor is not a suggestion.

He married Elaine Woolsey in 1962. They raised a son and a daughter in a house with a mudroom that was always losing the argument with the yard. Elaine kept the books until the numbers got too friendly with the discounts Arthur handed out. They argued about that the way some couples argue about the thermostat, which is to say forever and without much heat. He considered a Saturday auction a civic duty.

Customers remember a man who wiped his hands before he shook yours, who would jump a tractor at dusk without calling it a favor, and who could diagnose a limp from the lane. He liked the Snake River at evening, a green-chile cheeseburger on a rare trip to town, and a church he stood through in the back because his knees had opinions. He died in Buhl, the small irrigated place that had always been home. The parlor is quiet. A lot of mornings in the valley still start because he was stubborn about a job.

Services

A funeral in Buhl. The family welcomes stories in the hall, and a contribution to a 4-H scholarship if you insist

on doing something extra.

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