



Arthur Gene Nakasato

October 2, 1931 - March 15, 2026

Cedar Rapids, Iowa

Cedar Rapids lost Arthur Gene Nakasato on March 15, 2026. He was 94. Born in Cedar Rapids on October 2, 1931, into a Danish-American household that treated work as a language. He grew up believing that showing up was the first craft.

He watched evaporators that had to become product before weather changed its mind. An evaporator gauge glass wiped each watch was gospel in small print. Colleagues still mention an evaporator gauge glass wiped.

He and Frances married in 1955 and raised a daughter and a son without needing an audience. After Frances's death in 2019, he held to quiet habits-coffee before dawn, a tended yard, a voice on the phone that still checked in.

Neighbors remember covered dishes that arrived without a speech. Mornings were his favorite shift at home. He died in Cedar Rapids, on streets that already knew his pace. 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 quiet remembrance in Cedar Rapids. Those who wish may give to a neighborhood library, food pantry, or workers' aid fund instead of flowers.

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