



Calvin Gene Waites

January 9, 1935 - July 13, 2026

Biloxi, Mississippi

Calvin Gene Waites died in Biloxi on July 13, 2026. He was 91. Born on January 9, 1935, with Greek-American roots that shaped the table more than the flag. From the start, he treated promises like tools: keep them sharp, do not lend them lightly.

He watched gauges that kept towns from inventing cold water. A boiler gauge glass wiped each watch was gospel in small print. Colleagues still mention a boiler gauge glass wiped each watch.

He and Shirley married in 1959 and raised two sons without needing an audience. After Shirley'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 a shovel borrowed and returned sharper. He liked early mornings before the heat or the noise. He died in Biloxi, among streets he never needed to explain. The porch still expects a returning step.

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 Biloxi. Those who wish may give to a neighborhood library, food pantry, or workers' aid fund instead of flowers.

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