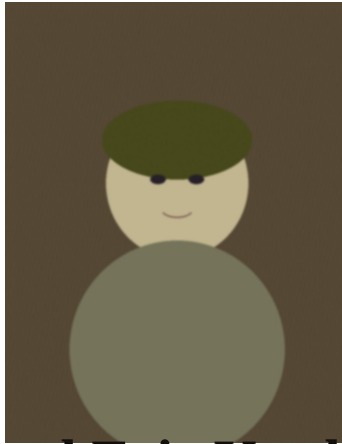




Carl Eric Kettler

May 4, 1937 - June 7, 2026

Worcester, Massachusetts

Carl Eric Kettler, 89, of Worcester, died on June 7, 2026. Born on May 4, 1937 and raised among Swedish-American manners that never needed a speech. From the start, he treated promises like tools: keep them sharp, do not lend them lightly.

He set machines that carried other people's mornings. A setup micrometer case never erased taught that shortcuts show. Colleagues still mention a setup micrometer case.

He and Ruth married in 1964 and raised three sons without needing an audience. After Ruth'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 snow shoveled past the corner that was not required. Mornings were his favorite shift at home. He died in Worcester, on streets that already knew his pace. The tools are still hung where a hand can find them in the dark.

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

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