



Clarence Roy Pettingill

August 24, 1929 - May 14, 2026

Mesa, Arizona

Clarence Roy Pettingill of Mesa died on May 14, 2026 at the age of 96. He was born on August 24, 1929 in a English-American family that measured love in finished chores. He grew up believing that showing up was the first craft.

He molded adobe that would hold other people's years. An adobe mold frame chalked with shifts kept hurry honest. Colleagues still mention an adobe mold frame chalked with shifts.

He married Dorothy in 1951. They kept a house that stayed modest when the neighborhood did not. They raised a son and a daughter through public schools and ordinary weather. After Dorothy died in 2019, he kept the routines that still made sense: the walk, the garden, the Sunday call.

Neighbors remember quiet help with a stuck mailbox or a heavy trash can. He liked early mornings before the heat or the noise. He died in Mesa, among streets he never needed to explain. The extra coffee is still in the thermos.

Services

A memorial gathering in Mesa with coffee afterward. In lieu of flowers, a gift to a local workers' fund, clinic, or neighborhood library is welcome.

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