



Clyde Dean Utley

October 9, 1941 - August 19, 2021

Tulsa, Oklahoma

Friends in Tulsa remember Clyde Dean Utley, who died on August 19, 2021 at 79. He was born on October 9, 1941 in a English-American family that measured love in finished chores. Young, he understood that quiet competence outlasts loud plans.

He worked decks that argued with weather and schedules. A dredge deck line splice kit preferred work over speeches. Colleagues still mention a dredge deck line splice kit.

In 1964 he married Alice. The marriage was not a speech; it was groceries, repairs, and two children walked to school in weather that did not care. When Alice died in 2014, he kept what still worked: the early walk, the small garden, the call on Sundays.

Neighbors remember someone who knew every child's name on the block. Mornings were his favorite shift at home. He died in Tulsa, on streets that already knew his pace. The chair by the window still holds the shape of a habit.

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

Services in Tulsa will be simple: stories, coffee, and the names of people who showed up. Flowers optional; support for a local clinic or trade scholarship preferred.

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