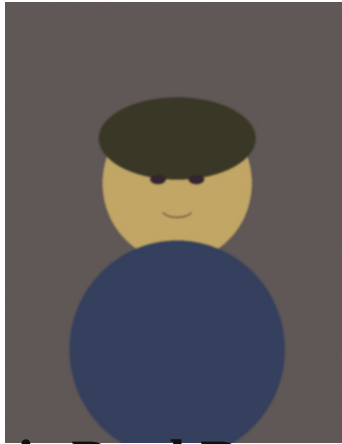




Dennis Paul Barragano

June 7, 1931 - March 19, 2026

Burlington, Vermont

On March 19, 2026, Dennis Paul Barragano died at home in Burlington. He was 94. He was born on June 7, 1931 in a Irish-American family that measured love in finished chores. From the start, he treated promises like tools: keep them sharp, do not lend them lightly.

He graded syrup that had to become product before weather changed its mind. A syrup grade paddle wiped preferred work over speeches. Colleagues still mention a syrup grade paddle wiped.

He and Catherine married in 1955 and raised two sons without needing an audience. After Catherine'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 preferred the hour before a town fully wakes. Burlington was home enough that he never rehearsed an introduction. The work gloves still keep the shape of a grip.

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

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