



Donald Ray Carmichael

June 8, 1939 - August 12, 2026

Tucson, Arizona

Donald Ray Carmichael died in Tucson on August 12, 2026. He was 87. Born on June 8, 1939, with Scotch-Irish roots that shaped the table more than the flag. He learned early that a day is something you finish, not something you wait for.

He restored cars that carried other people's years. A spray booth mask hung on a hook; estimates were frank, and so were apologies. Colleagues still mention a spray booth mask on a hook.

He married Patricia in 1964. They kept a house that stayed modest when the neighborhood did not. They raised three children through public schools and ordinary weather. After Patricia died in 2019, he kept the routines that still made sense: the walk, the garden, the Sunday call.

Neighbors remember a wave from the driveway that meant you were seen. He liked early mornings before the heat or the noise. He died in Tucson, among streets he never needed to explain. The extra coffee is still in the thermos.

Services

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

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