



Donald Wade Ebersole

January 15, 1927 - November 15, 2024

Huntington, West Virginia

Huntington lost Donald Wade Ebersole on November 15, 2024. He was 97. Born in Huntington on January 15, 1927, into a Hungarian-American household that treated work as a language. He learned that neighborhoods remember who helps without being asked.

He kept sheets that turned trucks into wages without inventing weights. A dump scale ticket spindle ended arguments more gently than speeches. Colleagues still mention a dump scale ticket spindle.

He married Edna in 1949. They kept a house that stayed modest when the neighborhood did not. They raised two daughters and a son through public schools and ordinary weather. After Edna died in 2017, 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. Mornings were his favorite shift at home. He died in Huntington, on streets that already knew his pace. The porch still expects a returning step.

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

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