



# Donald Wayne Oberlander

*October 15, 1931 - March 31, 2026*

Youngstown, Ohio

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In Youngstown, on March 31, 2026, Donald Wayne Oberlander died at 94. Born on October 15, 1931, with German-American roots that shaped the table more than the flag. He grew up believing that showing up was the first craft.

He worked ground that held other people's courage under a sun that ignored manifests. A scarfer helper face shield strap rode his belt like a conscience. Colleagues still mention a scarfer helper face shield strap.

In 1954 he married Nancy. The marriage was not a speech; it was groceries, repairs, and three sons walked to school in weather that did not care. When Nancy died in 2019, he kept what still worked: the early walk, the small garden, the call on Sundays.

Neighbors remember a porch light left on for anyone walking home late. He liked early mornings before the heat or the noise. He died in Youngstown, among streets he never needed to explain. The recipe card is still stained in the useful places.

## Services

Services in Youngstown 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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