



Douglas Craig Ramsay

November 19, 1941 - August 6, 2026

Cedar Rapids, Iowa

Douglas Craig Ramsay died in Cedar Rapids on August 6, 2026. He was 84. Born on November 19, 1941, 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 watched bin temperatures and weather reports with equal seriousness. A thermos that never emptied outlasted three jackets. Colleagues still mention a thermos of coffee that never emptied.

He married Eileen in 1963. They kept a house that stayed modest when the neighborhood did not. They raised three children through public schools and ordinary weather. After Eileen died in 2019, 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. He liked early mornings before the heat or the noise. He died in Cedar Rapids, among streets he never needed to explain. The key is still under the same brick.

Services

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

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