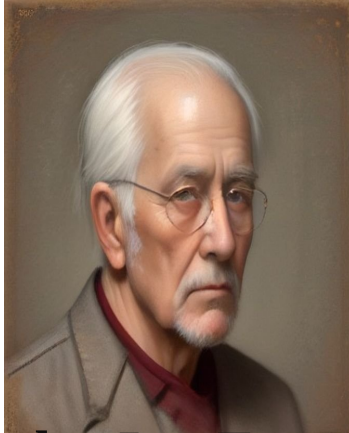




Douglas Ian Farquhar

December 16, 1940 - August 7, 2026

Dubuque, Iowa

Douglas Ian Farquhar died in Dubuque on August 7, 2026. He was 85. Born on December 16, 1940, 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 1962. 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 coffee offered before questions. He liked early mornings before the heat or the noise. He died in Dubuque, among streets he never needed to explain. 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 Dubuque with coffee afterward. In lieu of flowers, a gift to a local workers' fund, clinic, or neighborhood library is welcome.

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