



Duncan Fraser Palmer

March 28, 1946 - September 2, 2026

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Duncan Fraser Palmer died in Pittsburgh on September 2, 2026. He was 80. Born in Pittsburgh on March 28, 1946, 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 hung over rivers in a harness that became a second spine. A shining buckle was pride; rust was the enemy he understood. Colleagues still mention a harness buckle shining from use.

He married Margaret in 1970. They kept a house that stayed modest when the neighborhood did not. They raised a daughter through public schools and ordinary weather. After Margaret died in 2019, he kept the routines that still made sense: the walk, the garden, the Sunday call.

Neighbors remember covered dishes that arrived without a speech. He liked early mornings before the heat or the noise. He died in Pittsburgh, among streets he never needed to explain. The porch still expects a returning step.

Services

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

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