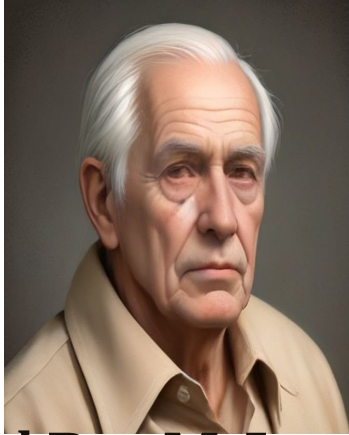




Earl Ray McLendon

July 21, 1939 - August 9, 2026

Tucson, Arizona

Earl Ray McLendon died in Tucson on August 9, 2026. He was 87. Born on July 21, 1939, 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 restored cars that carried other people's years. A spray booth mask hung on a hook; estimates were frank, and so were apologies. Colleagues still mention a spray booth mask on a hook.

He married Dorothy in 1964. They kept a house that stayed modest when the neighborhood did not. They raised three children through public schools and ordinary weather. After Dorothy died in 2019, he kept the routines that still made sense: the walk, the garden, the Sunday call.

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 Tucson, among streets he never needed to explain. The key is still under the same brick.

Services

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

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