



Earl Wayne MacFarquhar

July 3, 1941 - August 7, 2026

Fargo, North Dakota

In Fargo, on August 7, 2026, Earl Wayne MacFarquhar died at 85. Born July 3, 1941 in Fargo, carrying Hmong-American stories that arrived without footnotes. He grew up believing that showing up was the first craft.

He sanded frames that would hold other people's years. A sanding booth mask strap hung to dry taught apprentices to wait. Colleagues still mention a sanding booth mask strap.

He and Shirley married in 1968 and raised a son and a daughter without needing an audience. After Shirley's death in 2019, he held to quiet habits-coffee before dawn, a tended yard, a voice on the phone that still checked in.

Neighbors remember a rake leaned against a shared fence after a storm. He preferred the hour before a town fully wakes. Fargo was home enough that he never rehearsed an introduction. 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 quiet remembrance in Fargo. Those who wish may give to a neighborhood library, food pantry, or workers' aid fund instead of flowers.

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