



Ernest Miller Hemingway

July 21, 1899 - July 2, 1961

Ketchum, Idaho

Ernest Miller Hemingway died in Ketchum, Idaho, on July 2, 1961. He was sixty-one. Born in Oak Park, Illinois, on July 21, 1899, he wrote stories and novels in a spare American sentence that a generation tried to copy, and he lived loudly enough that the life threatened to eat the work. The last years were illness, accidents, and a paranoia that had sources in both the body and the century.

The Sun Also Rises, A Farewell to Arms, the stories, and the later, thinner books sit beside the journalism, the wars, and the Nobel that arrived when the sentences were already shortening. He married four times, kept houses in Key West and Cuba, and treated hunting country as a cure that did not hold. Ketchum was the last house, chosen for the mountains and for a quiet he could not keep.

This memorial names Ketchum because he died and is buried there, in the town cemetery, a simple plot the tourists still find. Oak Park was the beginning. The style remains easier to imitate than to earn. The grave does not explain the sentences.

The Idaho house looked like a place a man could get well. He did not. Oak Park still argues with the fame. Ketchum keeps a simple stone that tourists photograph and locals mow around. The early stories remain the part that does not need the legend. He had survived wars and accidents and did not survive the last morning in Ketchum. The town cemetery is untheatrical, which is the one mercy. Oak Park can keep the boy. The early stories keep the rest.

Services

Died in Ketchum on July 2, 1961. Interment at Ketchum Cemetery.

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