



Ernest Wayne Stufflebeam

January 21, 1932 - February 17, 2026

Fresno, California

Fresno lost Ernest Wayne Stufflebeam on February 17, 2026. He was 94. Born on January 21, 1932 and raised among Polish-American manners that never needed a speech. He grew up believing that showing up was the first craft.

He tended kilns that decided winters for walls that did not write novels. A kiln pry bar chalked with shifts kept hurry honest. Colleagues still mention a kiln pry bar chalked with shifts.

In 1958 he married Frances. The marriage was not a speech; it was groceries, repairs, and three sons walked to school in weather that did not care. When Frances died in 2019, he kept what still worked: the early walk, the small garden, the call on Sundays.

Neighbors remember a jumper cable offered before the tow truck was dialed. He preferred the hour before a town fully wakes. Fresno was home enough that he never rehearsed an introduction. The tools are still hung where a hand can find them in the dark.

Services

Services in Fresno will be simple: stories, coffee, and the names of people who showed up. Flowers optional; support for a local clinic or trade scholarship preferred.

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