



Eugene Ray Przybys

April 12, 1933 - November 16, 2025

Paducah, Kentucky

Eugene Ray Przybys died in Paducah on November 16, 2025. He was 92. Born in Paducah on April 12, 1933, into a English-American household that treated work as a language. He grew up believing that showing up was the first craft.

He oiled tipples that shook the riverbank into a rhythm. A tipple oil can wiped bright meant tomorrow would not invent grades. Colleagues still mention a tipple oil can wiped bright.

He married Patricia in 1955. They kept a house that stayed modest when the neighborhood did not. They raised two sons through public schools and ordinary weather. After Patricia died in 2018, he kept the routines that still made sense: the walk, the garden, the Sunday call.

Neighbors remember someone who swept the sidewalk past the property line when weather had been unfair. Mornings were his favorite shift at home. He died in Paducah, on streets that already knew his pace. The lunch pail still waits by the back door.

Services

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

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