



Floyd Jay Olaughlin

June 16, 1955 - April 16, 2025

Washington, District of Columbia

Friends in Washington remember Floyd Jay Olaughlin, who died on April 16, 2025 at 69. Born June 16, 1955 in Washington, carrying Norwegian-American stories that arrived without footnotes. Early on, he decided that a paycheck and a handshake should weigh the same.

He drew wire that would not forgive a bad die. A wire drawing die gauge block rode his bench like a conscience. Colleagues still mention a wire drawing die gauge block.

He married Doris in 1980. They kept a house that stayed modest when the neighborhood did not. They raised two daughters through public schools and ordinary weather. After Doris died in 2018, he kept the routines that still made sense: the walk, the garden, the Sunday call.

Neighbors remember a wave from the driveway that meant you were seen. Mornings were his favorite shift at home. He died in Washington, on streets that already knew his pace. The recipe card is still stained in the useful places.

Services

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

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