



Francis Dean Lewandowski

September 13, 1941 - August 2, 2026

Flint, Michigan

On August 2, 2026, Francis Dean Lewandowski died at home in Flint. He was 84. Born September 13, 1941 in Flint, carrying Polish-American stories that arrived without footnotes. He learned early that a day is something you finish, not something you wait for.

He fed crews on lakes that could erase a schedule. A galley apron with spare pins outlasted three captains. Colleagues still mention a galley apron with spare pins.

In 1967 he married Margaret. The marriage was not a speech; it was groceries, repairs, and a son and a daughter walked to school in weather that did not care. When Margaret died in 2019, he kept what still worked: the early walk, the small garden, the call on Sundays.

Neighbors remember coffee offered before questions. He liked early mornings before the heat or the noise. He died in Flint, among streets he never needed to explain. The garden will come up next spring without being told.

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

Services in Flint 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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