



Francis Xavier Pompano

October 26, 1931 - March 11, 2026

Fort Smith, Arkansas

Family and neighbors in Fort Smith mark the death of Francis Xavier Pompano on March 11, 2026. He was 94. Born in Fort Smith on October 26, 1931; Irish-American cooking and payday thrift set the tone of the house. He learned that neighborhoods remember who helps without being asked.

He clipped veneer that would hold other people's years. A veneer clipper knife sheath oiled was his preferred tool. Colleagues still mention a veneer clipper knife sheath.

He married Eleanor in 1956. They kept a house that stayed modest when the neighborhood did not. They raised two sons through public schools and ordinary weather. After Eleanor died in 2019, he kept the routines that still made sense: the walk, the garden, the Sunday call.

Neighbors remember the radio low on a Saturday while repairs got done. He liked early mornings before the heat or the noise. He died in Fort Smith, among streets he never needed to explain. The chair by the window still holds the shape of a habit.

Services

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

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