



Franklin Dale Burnside

August 23, 1953 - August 24, 2025

Charleston, West Virginia

In Charleston, on August 24, 2025, Franklin Dale Burnside died at 72. Born in Charleston on August 23, 1953, into a Norwegian-American household that treated work as a language. He learned that neighborhoods remember who helps without being asked.

He kept sheets that turned trucks into wages without inventing weights. A dump scale ticket spindle ended arguments more gently than speeches. Colleagues still mention a dump scale ticket spindle.

In 1976 he married Doris. The marriage was not a speech; it was groceries, repairs, and two daughters walked to school in weather that did not care. When Doris died in 2018, he kept what still worked: the early walk, the small garden, the call on Sundays.

Neighbors remember a porch light left on for anyone walking home late. He liked early mornings before the heat or the noise. He died in Charleston, among streets he never needed to explain. The chair by the window still holds the shape of a habit.

Services

Services in Charleston 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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