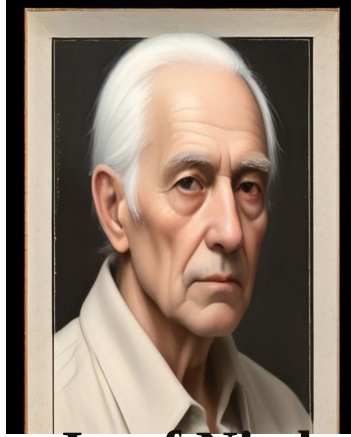




Franz Josef Niederman

December 28, 1941 - August 6, 2026

Cedar Rapids, Iowa

Franz Josef Niederman died in Cedar Rapids on August 6, 2026. He was 84. Born in Cedar Rapids on December 28, 1941, with German-American roots that shaped the table more than the flag. He learned early that a day is something you finish, not something you wait for.

He watched bin temperatures and weather reports with equal seriousness. A thermos that never emptied outlasted three jackets. Colleagues still mention a thermos of coffee that never emptied.

He married Helga in 1968. They kept a house that stayed modest when the neighborhood did not. They raised three children through public schools and ordinary weather. After Helga died in 2019, he kept the routines that still made sense: the walk, the garden, the Sunday call.

Neighbors remember a rake leaned against a shared fence after a storm. He liked early mornings before the heat or the noise. He died in Cedar Rapids, among streets he never needed to explain. The radio is still tuned to the station that played while work got done.

Services

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

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