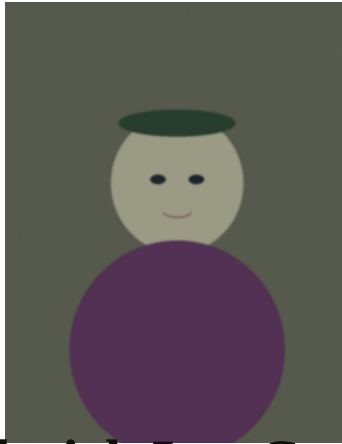




Frederick Lee Cothren

December 4, 1933 - November 27, 2025

Grand Island, Nebraska

On November 27, 2025, Frederick Lee Cothren died at home in Grand Island. He was 91. Born in Grand Island on December 4, 1933; German-American cooking and payday thrift set the tone of the house. He grew up believing that showing up was the first craft.

He tended legs that moved harvest when elevators argued with schedules. An elevator leg sample scoop labeled kept shifts fair. Colleagues still mention an elevator leg sample scoop.

In 1959 he married Carol. 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 Carol died in 2018, he kept what still worked: the early walk, the small garden, the call on Sundays.

Neighbors remember coffee offered before questions. Mornings were his favorite shift at home. He died in Grand Island, on streets that already knew his pace. The porch still expects a returning step.

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 Grand Island 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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