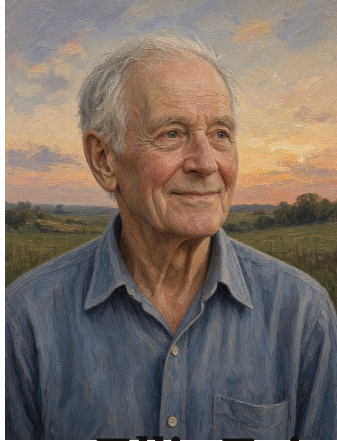




George Ellis Fairchild

December 19, 1946 - September 4, 2026

Des Moines, Iowa

George Ellis Fairchild died in Des Moines on September 4, 2026. He was seventy-nine. Born on a farm in Polk County on December 19, 1946, he learned a belt before he learned a classroom. School kept him until he could be useful. The plant kept him after that. He became a man who could hear a combine complain because a machine that cannot cut cannot feed anyone, and because he liked a job whose mistakes were immediately visible in a field.

For thirty-five years he kept equipment alive that other men only blamed. He did not advertise. Farmers called him because he would tell an owner the truth about a bearing even when the truth postponed a harvest day. He charged a fair hour and a smaller one when a 4-H child brought a tractor that needed more kindness than chrome. He kept a notebook of machines, not clients.

He married Ruth Fairchild in 1968. They raised two sons in a white house that needed a new porch every twenty years. Ruth taught second grade. George grilled on Sundays and considered a pork tenderloin a seasonal obligation. After his back quit the worst pits he still came out for a favorite John Deere, moving slower, swearing less, doing the same honest work. In August he worked the county fair because he wanted the machinery labeled correctly, not because he wanted to be asked for speeches.

Friends remember a man who wiped his hands before he shook yours, who could stand in a shed without making the work nervous, and who left a floor cleaner than he found it. He loved a quiet field at dusk, a glass of tea he did not finish, and the sound of a motor that had decided to live. He died in Des Moines, in the county whose corn had written his calendar. The fair still opens. Someone else will hear the sound that means trouble.

Services

Visitation in Des Moines, then a simple service. A gift to a 4-H scholarship or a farm-safety program is welcome.

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