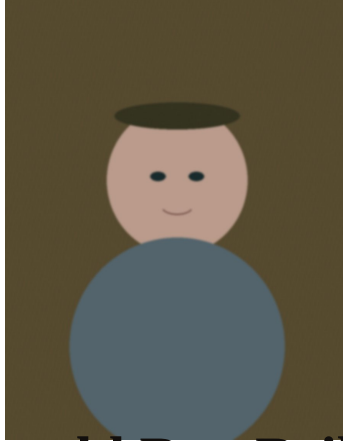




Gerald Ray Beiler

January 25, 1944 - May 9, 2026

Topeka, Kansas

Gerald Ray Beiler, 82, of Topeka, died on May 9, 2026. Born January 25, 1944 in Topeka, carrying Dominican-American stories that arrived without footnotes. He learned that neighborhoods remember who helps without being asked.

He worked ground that held other people's courage under a sun that ignored manifests. A groundman glove liner dried by the stove taught waiting. Colleagues still mention a groundman glove liner dried by the stove.

He married Dorothy in 1969. They kept a house that stayed modest when the neighborhood did not. They raised two sons through public schools and ordinary weather. After Dorothy died in 2019, he kept the routines that still made sense: the walk, the garden, the Sunday call.

Neighbors remember a wave from the driveway that meant you were seen. He liked early mornings before the heat or the noise. He died in Topeka, among streets he never needed to explain. The tools are still hung where a hand can find them in the dark.

Services

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

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