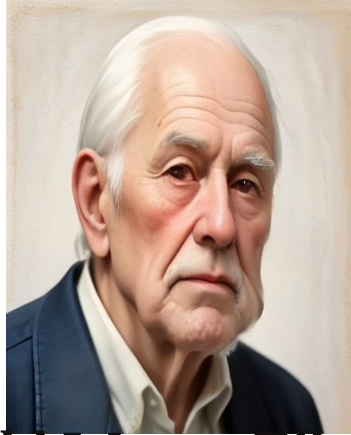




Gerald Wayne Ellsworth

August 8, 1944 - August 27, 2026

Hartford, Connecticut

Gerald Wayne Ellsworth died in Hartford on August 27, 2026. He was 82. Born on August 8, 1944, raised among Yankee New England manners that never needed a speech. He learned early that a day is something you finish, not something you wait for.

He measured loss without measuring people as numbers. A briefcase worn at the corners carried frankness and a spare pen. Colleagues still mention a briefcase worn at the corners.

He married Dorothy in 1969. They kept a house that stayed modest when the neighborhood did not. They raised a son 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 someone who knew every child's name on the block. He liked early mornings before the heat or the noise. He died in Hartford, among streets he never needed to explain. 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

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

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