



# Gordon Scott Rutherford

*January 7, 1948 - September 3, 2026*

Peoria, Illinois

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Peoria lost Gordon Scott Rutherford on September 3, 2026. He was 78. He was born on January 7, 1948 in a Scotch-Irish family that measured love in finished chores. He grew up believing that showing up was the first craft.

He routed tugs through fog that ignored schedules. A tug radio spare battery never left his belt. Colleagues still mention a tug radio spare battery.

He and Diane married in 1972 and raised a son and a daughter without needing an audience. After Diane's death in 2019, he held to quiet habits-coffee before dawn, a tended yard, a voice on the phone that still checked in.

Neighbors remember covered dishes that arrived without a speech. Mornings were his favorite shift at home. He died in Peoria, on streets that already knew his pace. The work gloves still keep the shape of a grip.

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 quiet remembrance in Peoria. Those who wish may give to a neighborhood library, food pantry, or workers' aid fund instead of flowers.

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