



Herman Wade Crumpacker

May 5, 1939 - January 3, 2026

Washington, District of Columbia

Washington lost Herman Wade Crumpacker on January 3, 2026. He was 86. Born May 5, 1939 in Washington, carrying Dutch-American stories that arrived without footnotes. He learned early that a day is something you finish, not something you wait for.

He drew wire that would not forgive a bad die. A wire drawing die gauge block rode his bench like a conscience. Colleagues still mention a wire drawing die gauge block.

In 1965 he married Edna. The marriage was not a speech; it was groceries, repairs, and two daughters and a son walked to school in weather that did not care. When Edna died in 2019, he kept what still worked: the early walk, the small garden, the call on Sundays.

Neighbors remember a jumper cable offered before the tow truck was dialed. He preferred the hour before a town fully wakes. Washington was home enough that he never rehearsed an introduction. The radio is still tuned to the station that played while work got done.

Services

Services in Washington 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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