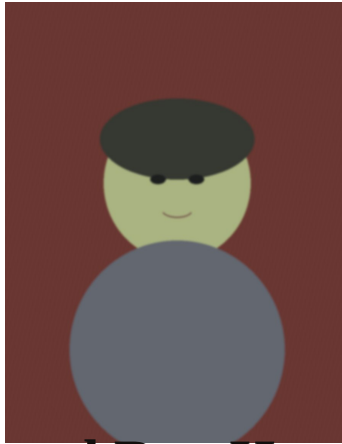




Howard Roy Hostetler

January 5, 1940 - April 21, 2026

Boise, Idaho

Howard Roy Hostetler, 86, of Boise, died on April 21, 2026. Born in Boise on January 5, 1940; Creole cooking and payday thrift set the tone of the house. Early on, he decided that a paycheck and a handshake should weigh the same.

He rolled sheet that would hold other people's years. A tin snips case with spare blades hung where a hand could find it. Colleagues still mention a tin snips case with spare blades.

He and Clara married in 1967 and raised three sons without needing an audience. After Clara'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 snow shoveled past the corner that was not required. He preferred the hour before a town fully wakes. Boise was home enough that he never rehearsed an introduction. The recipe card is still stained in the useful places.

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

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