



Ivan Sergei Petrov

November 22, 1938 - August 9, 2026

Flagstaff, Arizona

Ivan Sergei Petrov died in Flagstaff on August 9, 2026. He was 87. Born in Flagstaff on November 22, 1938, with Russian-American roots that shaped the table more than the flag. He learned early that a day is something you finish, not something you wait for.

He restored cars that carried other people's years. A spray booth mask hung on a hook; estimates were frank, and so were apologies. Colleagues still mention a spray booth mask on a hook.

He married Olga in 1962. They kept a house that stayed modest when the neighborhood did not. They raised three children through public schools and ordinary weather. After Olga died in 2019, he kept the routines that still made sense: the walk, the garden, the Sunday call.

Neighbors remember quiet help with a stuck mailbox or a heavy trash can. He liked early mornings before the heat or the noise. He died in Flagstaff, among streets he never needed to explain. The extra coffee is still in the thermos.

Services

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

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