



Joseph Allen Petrick

July 9, 1937 - August 19, 2026

Bowling Green, Kentucky

Joseph Allen Petrick died in Bowling Green on August 19, 2026. He was 89. Born on July 9, 1937, with Appalachian 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 read grain before he cut it. A faded measuring tape still hung in his shop; waste offended him more than noise. Colleagues still mention a measuring tape faded to illegibility.

He married Mildred in 1962. They kept a house that stayed modest when the neighborhood did not. They raised two daughters through public schools and ordinary weather. After Mildred 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 Bowling Green, among streets he never needed to explain. The tools are still hung where a hand can find them in the dark.

Services

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

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