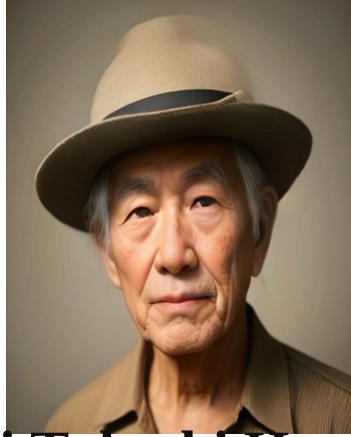




Kenji Takeshi Hasegawa

August 1, 1952 - August 17, 2026
Springfield, Missouri

Kenji Takeshi Hasegawa died in Springfield on August 17, 2026. He was 74. Born on August 1, 1952, with Japanese-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 moved freight across a line that was also a neighborhood. A bilingual clipboard held two calendars; he made deadlines without making enemies. Colleagues still mention a bilingual clipboard with both calendars.

He married Lois in 1974. They kept a house that stayed modest when the neighborhood did not. They raised two daughters through public schools and ordinary weather. After Lois died in 2019, he kept the routines that still made sense: the walk, the garden, the Sunday call.

Neighbors remember coffee offered before questions. He liked early mornings before the heat or the noise. He died in Springfield, among streets he never needed to explain. The recipe card is still stained in the useful places.

Services

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

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