



Leon Paul Desjardins

July 4, 1942 - September 12, 2026

Bridgeport, Connecticut

Leon Paul Desjardins, 84, of Bridgeport, died on September 12, 2026. Born in Bridgeport on July 4, 1942; French-Canadian cooking and payday thrift set the tone of the house. He learned that neighborhoods remember who helps without being asked.

She kept tallies that turned coal into wages without inventing tons. A tippie chalk stub in a tobacco tin was ledger enough. Colleagues still mention a tippie chalk stub in a tobacco tin.

He married Joan in 1967. They kept a house that stayed modest when the neighborhood did not. They raised three daughters through public schools and ordinary weather. After Joan died in 2019, he kept the routines that still made sense: the walk, the garden, the Sunday call.

Neighbors remember a wave from the driveway that meant you were seen. Mornings were his favorite shift at home. He died in Bridgeport, on streets that already knew his pace. The tools are still hung where a hand can find them in the dark.

Services

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

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