



Leonard Gene Schwartz

July 3, 1939 - December 6, 2024

Toledo, Ohio

Leonard Gene Schwartz died in Toledo on December 6, 2024. He was 85. Born in Toledo on July 3, 1939, into a Native Hawaiian household that treated work as a language. He learned that neighborhoods remember who helps without being asked.

He oiled crushers that never held still. A crusher oiler can wiped bright outlasted two bosses. Colleagues still mention a crusher oiler can wiped bright.

He married Phyllis in 1961. They kept a house that stayed modest when the neighborhood did not. They raised three daughters through public schools and ordinary weather. After Phyllis died in 2017, he kept the routines that still made sense: the walk, the garden, the Sunday call.

Neighbors remember someone who swept the sidewalk past the property line when weather had been unfair. Mornings were his favorite shift at home. He died in Toledo, on streets that already knew his pace. The work gloves still keep the shape of a grip.

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

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