



Leonard Ned Ashenfelter

September 23, 1930 - September 16, 2003

Biloxi, Mississippi

Leonard Ned Ashenfelter of Biloxi died on September 16, 2003 at the age of 72. Born on September 23, 1930 and raised among Scotch-Irish manners that never needed a speech. Young, he understood that quiet competence outlasts loud plans.

He worked ground that held other people's courage under heat that ignored manifests. A kiln helper face shield strap rode his belt like a conscience. Colleagues still mention a kiln helper face shield strap.

In 1956 he married Ruth. The marriage was not a speech; it was groceries, repairs, and two daughters walked to school in weather that did not care. When Ruth died in 1996, he kept what still worked: the early walk, the small garden, the call on Sundays.

Neighbors remember a jumper cable offered before the tow truck was dialed. He liked early mornings before the heat or the noise. He died in Biloxi, among streets he never needed to explain. The porch still expects a returning step.

Services

Services in Biloxi will be simple: stories, coffee, and the names of people who showed up. Flowers optional; support for a local clinic or trade scholarship preferred.

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