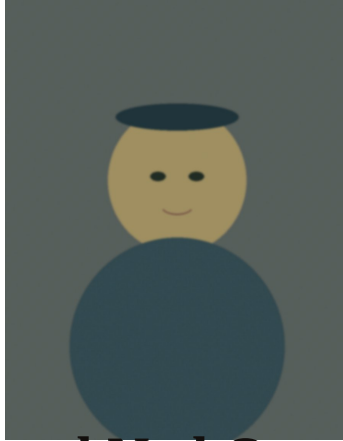




Leonard Ned Osterhout

July 15, 1947 - January 9, 2025

Tampa, Florida

On January 9, 2025, Leonard Ned Osterhout died at home in Tampa. He was 77. Born on July 15, 1947, with Jewish-American roots that shaped the table more than the flag. He grew up believing that showing up was the first craft.

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 Ruth in 1969. They kept a house that stayed modest when the neighborhood did not. They raised four children through public schools and ordinary weather. After Ruth died in 2018, 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. He liked early mornings before the heat or the noise. He died in Tampa, among streets he never needed to explain. The extra coffee is still in the thermos.

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

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