



Luther Dale Mishler

April 26, 1948 - October 11, 2025

Charleston, West Virginia

In Charleston, on October 11, 2025, Luther Dale Mishler died at 77. Born on April 26, 1948 and raised among Polish-American manners that never needed a speech. He learned early that a day is something you finish, not something you wait for.

He kept sheets that turned trucks into wages without inventing weights. A dump scale ticket spindle ended arguments more gently than speeches. Colleagues still mention a dump scale ticket spindle.

He married Ruth in 1973. They kept a house that stayed modest when the neighborhood did not. They raised two daughters 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 the radio low on a Saturday while repairs got done. Mornings were his favorite shift at home. He died in Charleston, on streets that already knew his pace. The porch still expects a returning step.

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

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