



Lyle Keith Lightner

September 7, 1945 - March 23, 2025

Biloxi, Mississippi

In Biloxi, on March 23, 2025, Lyle Keith Lightner died at 79. Born in Biloxi on September 7, 1945; Norwegian-American cooking and payday thrift set the tone of the house. From the start, he treated promises like tools: keep them sharp, do not lend them lightly.

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.

He married Doris in 1970. They kept a house that stayed modest when the neighborhood did not. They raised two daughters through public schools and ordinary weather. After Doris 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. He liked early mornings before the heat or the noise. He died in Biloxi, among streets he never needed to explain. The tools are still hung where a hand can find them in the dark.

Services

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

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