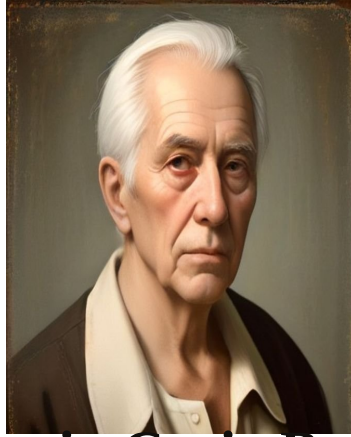




Marvin Craig Bartos

January 1, 1943 - August 16, 2026

Enid, Oklahoma

In Enid, on August 16, 2026, Marvin Craig Bartos died at 83. Born in Enid on January 1, 1943, into a Czech-American household that treated work as a language. He grew up believing that showing up was the first craft.

He punched tickets on a line that still knew every crossing. A conductor's hole punch wore smooth under honest miles. Colleagues still mention a conductor's hole punch.

In 1966 he married Deborah. The marriage was not a speech; it was groceries, repairs, and a daughter and two sons walked to school in weather that did not care. When Deborah died in 2019, he kept what still worked: the early walk, the small garden, the call on Sundays.

Neighbors remember someone who knew every child's name on the block. Mornings were his favorite shift at home. He died in Enid, on streets that already knew his pace. The garden will come up next spring without being told.

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

Services in Enid 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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