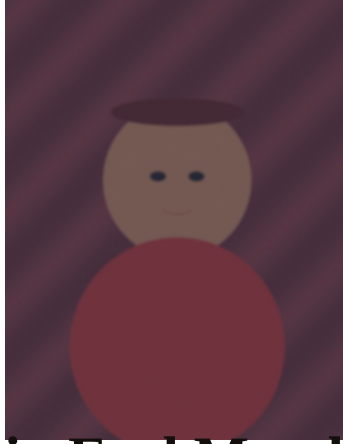




Marvin Earl Mondragon

January 17, 1942 - April 25, 2026

Wheeling, West Virginia

In Wheeling, on April 25, 2026, Marvin Earl Mondragon died at 84. Born on January 17, 1942, with Guatemalan-American roots that shaped the table more than the flag. He learned that neighborhoods remember who helps without being asked.

He demonstrated care that farms could trust without a speech. A demo kit satchel mended meant tomorrow would not invent grades. Colleagues still mention a demo kit satchel mended.

In 1965 he married Betty. The marriage was not a speech; it was groceries, repairs, and two sons walked to school in weather that did not care. When Betty died in 2019, he kept what still worked: the early walk, the small garden, the call on Sundays.

Neighbors remember a porch light left on for anyone walking home late. He preferred the hour before a town fully wakes. Wheeling was home enough that he never rehearsed an introduction. The recipe card is still stained in the useful places.

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 Wheeling 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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