



Marvin Jay MacGillivray

January 5, 1942 - July 7, 2026

Boise, Idaho

Marvin Jay MacGillivray died in Boise on July 7, 2026. He was 84. Born in Boise on January 5, 1942, into a Greek-American household that treated work as a language. He learned that neighborhoods remember who helps without being asked.

He sorted scrap that made its own weather on the floor. A scrap magnet glove clip hung by the locker like biography. Colleagues still mention a scrap magnet glove clip.

He and Martha married in 1966 and raised three sons without needing an audience. After Martha's death in 2019, he held to quiet habits-coffee before dawn, a tended yard, a voice on the phone that still checked in.

Neighbors remember a shovel borrowed and returned sharper. Mornings were his favorite shift at home. He died in Boise, on streets that already knew his pace. The work gloves still keep the shape of a grip.

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 quiet remembrance in Boise. Those who wish may give to a neighborhood library, food pantry, or workers' aid fund instead of flowers.

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