



Marvin Lee Petruccelli

May 15, 1937 - June 12, 2026

Sioux Falls, South Dakota

Sioux Falls lost Marvin Lee Petruccelli on June 12, 2026. He was 89. Born on May 15, 1937, with Norwegian-American roots that shaped the table more than the flag. He learned that neighborhoods remember who helps without being asked.

He worked a floor that smelled of piecework and care. A kill floor apron clip labeled twice taught that shortcuts show. Colleagues still mention a kill floor apron clip.

He married Judy in 1959. They kept a house that stayed modest when the neighborhood did not. They raised three sons through public schools and ordinary weather. After Judy died in 2019, he kept the routines that still made sense: the walk, the garden, the Sunday call.

Neighbors remember quiet help with a stuck mailbox or a heavy trash can. Mornings were his favorite shift at home. He died in Sioux Falls, on streets that already knew his pace. The key is still under the same brick.

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

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