



Norman Dale Pettinga

September 16, 1933 - August 9, 2026

Bridgeport, Connecticut

Friends in Bridgeport remember Norman Dale Pettinga, who died on August 9, 2026 at 92. Born on September 16, 1933 and raised among Swiss-American manners that never needed a speech. From the start, he treated promises like tools: keep them sharp, do not lend them lightly.

He poured metal that would not forgive a bad cast. A ladle pourer glove clip labeled twice rebuilt more trust than memos. Colleagues still mention a ladle pourer glove clip.

He and Betty married in 1960 and raised a daughter and two sons without needing an audience. After Betty'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 snow shoveled past the corner that was not required. Mornings were his favorite shift at home. He died in Bridgeport, on streets that already knew his pace. The tools are still hung where a hand can find them in the dark.

Services

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

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