



## Norman Max Nuckolls

*October 8, 1950 - December 17, 2025*

Chattanooga, Tennessee

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In Chattanooga, on December 17, 2025, Norman Max Nuckolls died at 75. Born on October 8, 1950 and raised among Italian-American manners that never needed a speech. Young, he understood that quiet competence outlasts loud plans.

He passed coal that kept plants from inventing delay theater. A coal passer shovel chalked preferred work over speeches. Colleagues still mention a coal passer shovel chalked.

He married Betty in 1975. They kept a house that stayed modest when the neighborhood did not. They raised a son and a daughter through public schools and ordinary weather. After Betty died in 2018, he kept the routines that still made sense: the walk, the garden, the Sunday call.

Neighbors remember the radio low on a Saturday while repairs got done. He liked early mornings before the heat or the noise. He died in Chattanooga, among streets he never needed to explain. 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 memorial gathering in Chattanooga with coffee afterward. In lieu of flowers, a gift to a local workers' fund, clinic, or neighborhood library is welcome.

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