



Orville Keith Szymanowski

January 9, 1931 - July 9, 2026

Jackson, Mississippi

Family and neighbors in Jackson mark the death of Orville Keith Szymanowski on July 9, 2026. He was 95. He was born on January 9, 1931 in a Lithuanian-American family that measured love in finished chores. Young, he understood that quiet competence outlasts loud plans.

He signaled ore under a sun that ignored manifests. A signal flag pouch marked what the crane had already decided. Colleagues still mention a signal flag pouch.

In 1954 he married Marie. The marriage was not a speech; it was groceries, repairs, and two sons walked to school in weather that did not care. When Marie 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. Mornings were his favorite shift at home. He died in Jackson, on streets that already knew his pace. The extra coffee is still in the thermos.

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 Jackson 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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