



Otto Franz Loeffler

May 20, 1949 - August 11, 2026

Rockford, Illinois

Otto Franz Loeffler died in Rockford on August 11, 2026. He was 77. Born on May 20, 1949, with German-American roots that shaped the table more than the flag. He learned early that a day is something you finish, not something you wait for.

He cut metal to tolerances that looked like faith. Blueprints lived under plexiglass; apprentices learned that a good fit is honesty. Colleagues still mention calipers that still held factory dust.

He married Greta in 1974. They kept a house that stayed modest when the neighborhood did not. They raised two sons through public schools and ordinary weather. After Greta died in 2019, he kept the routines that still made sense: the walk, the garden, the Sunday call.

Neighbors remember someone who knew every child's name on the block. He liked early mornings before the heat or the noise. He died in Rockford, among streets he never needed to explain. The key is still under the same brick.

Services

A memorial gathering in Rockford with coffee afterward. In lieu of flowers, a gift to a local workers' fund, clinic, or neighborhood library is welcome.

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