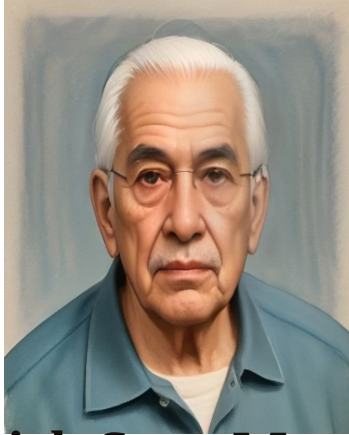




Patrick Sean Mendoza

March 12, 1945 - September 6, 2026

Knoxville, Tennessee

Patrick Sean Mendoza died in Knoxville on September 6, 2026. He was 81. Born on March 12, 1945, raised among Mexican-American manners that never needed a speech. He learned early that a day is something you finish, not something you wait for.

He fitted pipe in heat that taught humility. Wrenches hung by length; leaks were personal insults. Colleagues still mention a pipe wrench hung by length.

He married Margaret in 1967. They kept a house that stayed modest when the neighborhood did not. They raised a daughter through public schools and ordinary weather. After Margaret 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. He liked early mornings before the heat or the noise. He died in Knoxville, among streets he never needed to explain. The porch still expects a returning step.

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

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