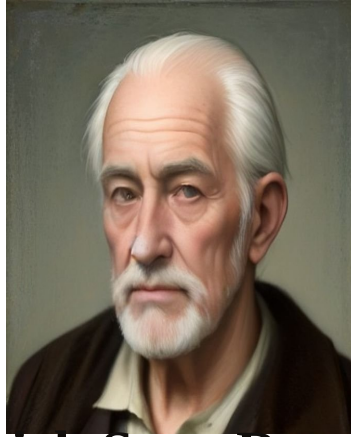




Patrick Sean Ragsdale

March 13, 1944 - September 6, 2026

Knoxville, Tennessee

Patrick Sean Ragsdale died in Knoxville on September 6, 2026. He was 82. Born in Knoxville on March 13, 1944, with Scotch-Irish 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 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 1970. 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 radio is still tuned to the station that played while work got done.

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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