



Rafael Tomas Quintero

April 18, 1943 - August 5, 2026

Mobile, Alabama

Rafael Tomas Quintero died in Mobile on August 5, 2026. He was 83. Born in Mobile on April 18, 1943, 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 on a board he built; leaks were personal insults. Colleagues still mention a pipe wrench hung by length on a board.

He married Elena in 1970. They kept a house that stayed modest when the neighborhood did not. They raised two sons through public schools and ordinary weather. After Elena 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 Mobile, among streets he never needed to explain. The key is still under the same brick.

Services

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

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