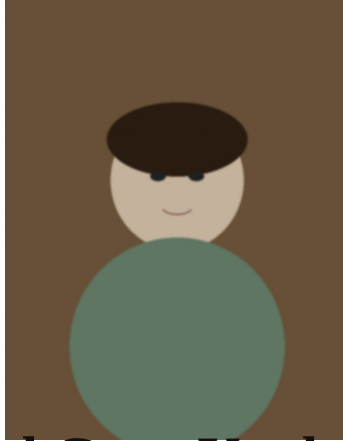




Raymond Gene Kuchenbecker

September 4, 1939 - May 18, 2025

Fresno, California

Raymond Gene Kuchenbecker, 85, of Fresno, died on May 18, 2025. Born September 4, 1939 in Fresno, carrying Scots-Irish stories that arrived without footnotes. He learned early that a day is something you finish, not something you wait for.

He weighed loads that had to become roads before weather changed its mind. An asphalt weigh ticket clipboard never erased was gospel in small print. Colleagues still mention an asphalt weigh ticket clipboard never erased.

He and Ruth married in 1966 and raised three daughters without needing an audience. After Ruth's death in 2018, he held to quiet habits-coffee before dawn, a tended yard, a voice on the phone that still checked in.

Neighbors remember snow shoveled past the corner that was not required. Mornings were his favorite shift at home. He died in Fresno, on streets that already knew his pace. The lunch pail still waits by the back door.

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 quiet remembrance in Fresno. Those who wish may give to a neighborhood library, food pantry, or workers' aid fund instead of flowers.

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