



# Raymond Gene Rodeheaver

*December 11, 1928 - August 25, 2006*

Fargo, North Dakota

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Fargo lost Raymond Gene Rodeheaver on August 25, 2006. He was 77. Born on December 11, 1928, with Scotch-Irish roots that shaped the table more than the flag. From the start, he treated promises like tools: keep them sharp, do not lend them lightly.

He helped hoists that carried other people's mornings. A hoist helper chalk tally board wiped dry outlasted two bosses. Colleagues still mention a hoist helper chalk tally board.

He and Betty married in 1952 and raised a son and a daughter without needing an audience. After Betty's death in 1999, he held to quiet habits-coffee before dawn, a tended yard, a voice on the phone that still checked in.

Neighbors remember covered dishes that arrived without a speech. He liked early mornings before the heat or the noise. He died in Fargo, among streets he never needed to explain. The recipe card is still stained in the useful places.

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

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