



Richard Gus Rauschenberg

November 27, 1936 - December 5, 2007

Billings, Montana

Richard Gus Rauschenberg, 71, of Billings, died on December 5, 2007. Born in Billings on November 27, 1936; Mexican-American cooking and payday thrift set the tone of the house. He learned early that a day is something you finish, not something you wait for.

He tended hoses that turned fields into something kitchens could trust. A crush pad hose clamp labeled kept shifts fairer than memos. Colleagues still mention a crush pad hose clamp labeled.

He and Alice married in 1963 and raised a son and a daughter without needing an audience. After Alice's death in 2000, 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 Billings, on streets that already knew his pace. The calendar still has a circle on payday.

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

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