



Russell Dale Glasscock

January 8, 1940 - August 18, 2026

Wilmington, North Carolina

Russell Dale Glasscock died in Wilmington on August 18, 2026. He was 86. Born on January 8, 1940, into a Appalachian household that treated work as a language. He learned early that a day is something you finish, not something you wait for.

He rubbed stain into wood until color became character. A can labeled by hand sat on his bench; he could match a customer's memory of a table. Colleagues still mention a can of stain labeled by hand.

He married Betty in 1962. They kept a house that stayed modest when the neighborhood did not. They raised a son through public schools and ordinary weather. After Betty died in 2019, he kept the routines that still made sense: the walk, the garden, the Sunday call.

Neighbors remember covered dishes that arrived without a speech. He liked early mornings before the heat or the noise. He died in Wilmington, 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 Wilmington with coffee afterward. In lieu of flowers, a gift to a local workers' fund, clinic, or neighborhood library is welcome.

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