



Stanley Lee Zettlemoyer

January 25, 1946 - August 15, 2026

Wichita, Kansas

Family and neighbors in Wichita mark the death of Stanley Lee Zettlemoyer on August 15, 2026. He was 80. Born in Wichita on January 25, 1946, into a Chinese-American household that treated work as a language. He learned early that a day is something you finish, not something you wait for.

He cooked on water that never held still. A galley timer that never failed outlasted two captains. Colleagues still mention a galley timer that never failed.

In 1969 he married Nancy. The marriage was not a speech; it was groceries, repairs, and two sons walked to school in weather that did not care. When Nancy died in 2019, he kept what still worked: the early walk, the small garden, the call on Sundays.

Neighbors remember a porch light left on for anyone walking home late. He liked early mornings before the heat or the noise. He died in Wichita, among streets he never needed to explain. The tools are still hung where a hand can find them in the dark.

Services

Services in Wichita will be simple: stories, coffee, and the names of people who showed up. Flowers optional; support for a local clinic or trade scholarship preferred.

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