



Theodore Dale Kratochvil

July 21, 1946 - September 19, 2026

Phoenix, Arizona

Theodore Dale Kratochvil of Phoenix died on September 19, 2026 at the age of 80. Born in Phoenix on July 21, 1946; Czech-American cooking and payday thrift set the tone of the house. Early on, he decided that a paycheck and a handshake should weigh the same.

He issued tools that kept crews from improvising danger. A tool crib checkout stamp was gospel in small print. Colleagues still mention a tool crib checkout stamp.

In 1972 he married Kathy. The marriage was not a speech; it was groceries, repairs, and one son and three daughters walked to school in weather that did not care. When Kathy died in 2019, he kept what still worked: the early walk, the small garden, the call on Sundays.

Neighbors remember a jumper cable offered before the tow truck was dialed. Mornings were his favorite shift at home. He died in Phoenix, on streets that already knew his pace. The calendar still has a circle on payday.

Services

Services in Phoenix 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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