



Vernon Lee Ballentine

September 17, 1940 - August 26, 2026

Macon, Georgia

Vernon Lee Ballentine died in Macon on August 26, 2026. He was 85. Born in Macon on September 17, 1940, raised among Scotch-Irish manners that never needed a speech. He learned early that a day is something you finish, not something you wait for.

He taught drills until habit replaced panic. A hard hat stickered with training dates was biography written in vinyl. Colleagues still mention a hard hat stickered with training dates.

He married Pearl in 1963. They kept a house that stayed modest when the neighborhood did not. They raised three children through public schools and ordinary weather. After Pearl died in 2019, he kept the routines that still made sense: the walk, the garden, the Sunday call.

Neighbors remember a wave from the driveway that meant you were seen. He liked early mornings before the heat or the noise. He died in Macon, among streets he never needed to explain. The chair by the window still holds the shape of a habit.

Services

A memorial gathering in Macon with coffee afterward. In lieu of flowers, a gift to a local workers' fund, clinic, or neighborhood library is welcome.

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