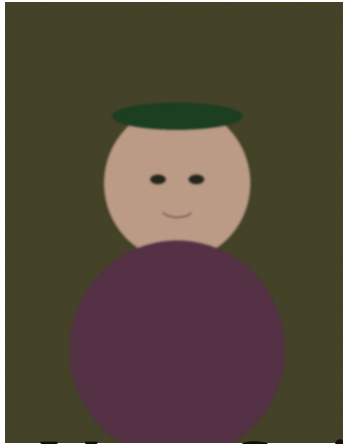




Vernon Wayne Cruikshank

November 2, 1944 - March 25, 2014

Fargo, North Dakota

Vernon Wayne Cruikshank died in Fargo on March 25, 2014. He was 69. Born November 2, 1944 in Fargo, carrying Jewish-American stories that arrived without footnotes. He grew up believing that showing up was the first craft.

He helped hoists that carried other people's mornings. A hoist helper chalk tally board wiped dry outlasted two bosses. Colleagues still mention a hoist helper chalk tally board.

In 1970 he married Ruth. The marriage was not a speech; it was groceries, repairs, and a son and a daughter walked to school in weather that did not care. When Ruth died in 2007, he kept what still worked: the early walk, the small garden, the call on Sundays.

Neighbors remember coffee offered before questions. He preferred the hour before a town fully wakes. Fargo was home enough that he never rehearsed an introduction. The key is still under the same brick.

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

Services in Fargo 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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