



Wade Ellis Wagner

August 15, 1940 - August 23, 2026

Eugene, Oregon

Wade Ellis Wagner died in Eugene on August 23, 2026. He was 86. Born on August 15, 1940, with German-American roots that shaped the table more than the flag. He learned early that a day is something you finish, not something you wait for.

He marked boards with chalk that meant money. A stick in his pocket decided grades; fairness kept the mill from arguing with itself. Colleagues still mention a chalk stick for marking boards.

He married Carol in 1962. They kept a house that stayed modest when the neighborhood did not. They raised a son and a daughter through public schools and ordinary weather. After Carol 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 Eugene, among streets he never needed to explain. The key is still under the same brick.

Services

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

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