



Wallace Wayne Fairbanks

July 3, 1958 - August 2, 2026

Duluth, Minnesota

In Duluth, on August 2, 2026, Wallace Wayne Fairbanks died at 68. Born on July 3, 1958 and raised among English-American manners that never needed a speech. Early on, he decided that a paycheck and a handshake should weigh the same.

He fetched, aligned, and learned until pipes forgave the yard. A pipefitter rule in a leather sleeve was borrowed faith. Colleagues still mention a pipefitter rule in a leather sleeve.

He married Carol in 1983. 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 the radio low on a Saturday while repairs got done. Mornings were his favorite shift at home. He died in Duluth, on streets that already knew his pace. The radio is still tuned to the station that played while work got done.

Services

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

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