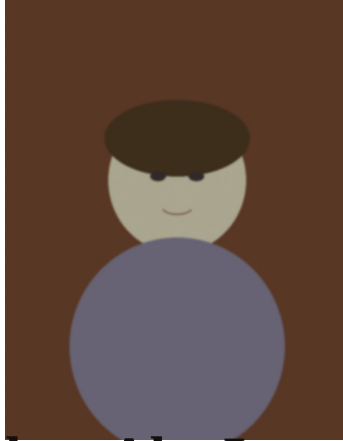




Walter Abe Lovelace

May 17, 1944 - August 28, 2012

Provo, Utah

Walter Abe Lovelace, 68, of Provo, died on August 28, 2012. Born May 17, 1944 in Provo, carrying Scotch-Irish stories that arrived without footnotes. Young, he understood that quiet competence outlasts loud plans.

He rewound paper that shelves could trust. A rewinder knife sheath oiled was his preferred tool. Colleagues still mention a rewinder knife sheath oiled.

He and Ruth married in 1971 and raised two children without needing an audience. After Ruth's death in 2005, he held to quiet habits-coffee before dawn, a tended yard, a voice on the phone that still checked in.

Neighbors remember snow shoveled past the corner that was not required. He preferred the hour before a town fully wakes. Provo was home enough that he never rehearsed an introduction. The radio is still tuned to the station that played while work got done.

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

A quiet remembrance in Provo. Those who wish may give to a neighborhood library, food pantry, or workers' aid fund instead of flowers.

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