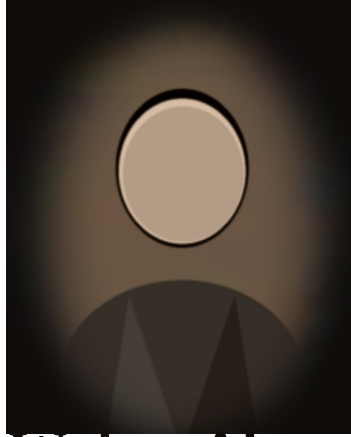


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Walter Alston

December 1, 1911 - October 1, 1984

Oxford, Ohio

Walter Emmons Alston - American Baseball Hall of Fame manager who led the Dodgers from Brooklyn to Los Angeles with quiet authority and four World Series titles - died in Oxford, Ohio, on October 1, 1984. He was seventy-two. Born December 1, 1911, in Venice, Ohio, he played one big-league game, then spent decades proving that managing could be a craft of patience, lineup cards, and trust.

From 1954 through 1976 he guided Brooklyn and Los Angeles to seven National League pennants and championships in 1955, 1959, 1963, and 1965. Players called him steady; writers called him Smokey. He retired with more than two thousand wins and a number retired by the club. A heart attack before his Hall of Fame induction left him frail; he never fully recovered.

Ohio farmland taught him work; the Dodgers taught him how long a season can feel. He managed as if calm were a competitive advantage.

He died in Oxford on October 1, 1984. Somewhere a lineup card is still being penciled before the lights come on.

Alston's gift was durable leadership - winning without noise. Notice Nearby keeps the death date so October 1 remembers the Ohio manager who made Dodger blue a habit of excellence.

Services

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