



Walter Earl Quilhot

February 14, 1927 - November 3, 2025
Mobile, Alabama

Walter Earl Quilhot died in Mobile on November 3, 2025. He was 98. Born on February 14, 1927, with Italian-American roots that shaped the table more than the flag. From the start, he treated promises like tools: keep them sharp, do not lend them lightly.

He worked ferry slips that argued with weather and schedules. A ferry winch grease rag labeled meant payday still answered. Colleagues still mention a ferry winch grease rag labeled.

He married Rose in 1949. They kept a house that stayed modest when the neighborhood did not. They raised two sons through public schools and ordinary weather. After Rose died in 2018, he kept the routines that still made sense: the walk, the garden, the Sunday call.

Neighbors remember someone who swept the sidewalk past the property line when weather had been unfair. He preferred the hour before a town fully wakes. Mobile was home enough that he never rehearsed an introduction. The work gloves still keep the shape of a grip.

Services

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

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