



Walter James Granger

July 16, 1942 - August 7, 2026

Las Cruces, New Mexico

Walter James Granger of Las Cruces died on August 7, 2026 at the age of 84. He was born on July 16, 1942 in a English-American family that measured love in finished chores. From the start, he treated promises like tools: keep them sharp, do not lend them lightly.

He ran samples through heat that made its own schedule. A sample vial rack by the sink stayed clean enough to trust. Colleagues still mention a sample vial rack by the sink.

He married Helen in 1964. They kept a house that stayed modest when the neighborhood did not. They raised two daughters through public schools and ordinary weather. After Helen died in 2019, he kept the routines that still made sense: the walk, the garden, the Sunday call.

Neighbors remember quiet help with a stuck mailbox or a heavy trash can. He preferred the hour before a town fully wakes. Las Cruces was home enough that he never rehearsed an introduction. The porch still expects a returning step.

Services

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

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