



Werner Hans Varela

July 3, 1942 - August 24, 2026

Houston, Texas

Werner Hans Varela died in Houston on August 24, 2026. He was 84. Born in Houston on July 3, 1942, with German-Latino roots that shaped the table more than the flag. He learned early that a day is something you finish, not something you wait for.

He measured loss without measuring people as numbers. A briefcase worn at the corners carried frankness and a spare pen. Colleagues still mention a briefcase worn at the corners.

He married Helga in 1969. They kept a house that stayed modest when the neighborhood did not. They raised a son through public schools and ordinary weather. After Helga died in 2019, he kept the routines that still made sense: the walk, the garden, the Sunday call.

Neighbors remember a rake leaned against a shared fence after a storm. He liked early mornings before the heat or the noise. He died in Houston, among streets he never needed to explain. The key is still under the same brick.

Services

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

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