



Wilbur Dale Gugliotta

January 13, 1938 - September 21, 2026

Washington, District of Columbia

Friends in Washington remember Wilbur Dale Gugliotta, who died on September 21, 2026 at 88. Born January 13, 1938 in Washington, carrying Dutch-American stories that arrived without footnotes. From the start, he treated promises like tools: keep them sharp, do not lend them lightly.

He built scaffolds that held other people's courage. A scaffold tag chalk stub left the next hand something to trust. Colleagues still mention a scaffold tag chalk stub.

He and Mildred married in 1965 and raised two sons without needing an audience. After Mildred's death in 2019, 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. Washington was home enough that he never rehearsed an introduction. The work gloves still keep the shape of a grip.

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 Washington. Those who wish may give to a neighborhood library, food pantry, or workers' aid fund instead of flowers.

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