



Robert Kenneth Laramie

Obituary

Robert "Bob" Laramie, 78, of Elmhurst, Illinois, passed away peacefully on July 10, 2026, surrounded by the love of his family.

Born on June 17, 1948, Bob lived a life defined by generosity, hard work, and devotion to his family. He was the beloved husband of 52 years to Carole, née Merrinette, with whom he built a life centered on love and partnership.

Bob was the loving father of Bob, Rick (Shealagh), Bill (Beth), and Jenny (Zach) Bender, and the proud grandfather of Connor, Brendan, Ryan, Nora, Wyatt, Leo, and Lucy. He was the cherished son of Ethel and the late Robert Laramie, the dear brother of Jeanne (Gerry) Graesser, beloved brother-in-law, uncle to many nieces and nephews, and a friend to many.

Bob was a proud veteran of the United States Army and dedicated 42 years as an accountant at International Navistar, where he was known for his integrity and strong work ethic. Outside of work, he was a master of all trades who could fix just about anything and was always willing to lend a helping hand.

He was also a dedicated volunteer at the Elmhurst American Legion, where he spent countless hours working Bingo and cooking for the Friday night fish fries. A lifelong sports fan, Bob enjoyed cheering on his favorite teams and sharing that passion with family and friends.

Bob will be remembered for his kindness, dependability, selfless spirit, and unwavering love for his family. His legacy lives on in the many lives he touched through his generosity and service.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, July 16, 2026, from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Steuerle Chapel, 15 W. Park Blvd., Villa Park. Funeral services will be held Friday, July 17, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. back at Steuerle Chapel. Interment Private. Family and friends are invited to join the family for a luncheon immediately following the funeral at 12:00 p.m. at the Elmhurst American Legion, 310 W. Butterfield Rd., Elmhurst, IL 60126.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to [The American Legion](#) or to the [Leukemia & Lymphoma Society](#), now known as Blood Cancer United, in Bob's memory.