



Robert "Bob" Andrus

April 8, 1926 - July 6, 2025

Robert G. "Bob" Andrus, 99, passed away on Sunday, July 6, 2025, in Vernon Hills, IL. He was born April 8, 1926, in Ann Arbor, MI and was formerly a longtime resident of Lincolnshire, IL. Bob was a United States Army Air Corp veteran serving as a ball turret gunner in a B17 bomber during WWII. He received his BA from the University of Michigan where his lifelong passion for wood sculpting began. After graduation, he was one of the original Madison Ave, NY "Mad Men". He was a man true to his faith and a member of the Community Church of Lake Forest and Lake Bluff. Bob's passions were wood sculpting, family, music, travel, nature and spreading love and kindness. He strived to find joy in everyday life and share that with those he encountered up until the very end.

Surviving are his 3 children, Robert D. "Bob" (Janis) Andrus, Walter (Loree Parral) Andrus and Charlie (Jeri) Andrus; 3 grandchildren, Jonathon & Christopher Andrus and Justine-Andrus Zhao (Jeff) Zhao; great grandchild, Oliver and by his loving companion, Blanche Hall and her wonderful family. He was preceded in death by his beautiful loving wife of 68 years, J. Maxine Andrus in 2015 and by his parents Harold and Clara, brother Harold & sister Dorothy.

A celebration of life will be held at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, August 23, 2025, at the Sunrise Park, South Shelter Pavilion, on the beach, Lake Bluff, IL. The family wants to thank the caregivers at Journey Care Hospice of Deerfield and Brookdale of Vernon Hills for their exceptional care of Bob these past years.

Arrangements by Burnett-Dane Funeral Home in Libertyville. For info: 847-362-3009 or share a memory at www.burnettdane.com.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

AUG **23**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Sunrise Park, South Shelter Pavillion
784 E. Prospect Ave.
Lake Bluff, IL 60044

Tribute Wall



“ I never met "Bob" but heard about him so much over the years, via my friendship to his son Bob and his wife, my cousin, Jan. They always spoke so highly of him and I always admired his sculptures that were in Jan and Bob's home. On my last visit I took photos of 'father' Bob's art work in their home and more that was captured in a book at their home. Jan and Bob always talked so fondly of him and said what a great father and role model he was. My sympathy goes out to all the Andrus extended family for their loss. Surely he is resting at peace now. Warmly, Marie Erie

Marie C Erie - July 25, 2025 at 04:24 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Robert "Bob" Andrus.

July 22, 2025 at 08:56 PM

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“ We have known Robert (Bob) for many years through his son Bob and Bob’s wife Janis, both dear friends of Georgia Keleher and myself for many years. Georgia and I would like to extend our sincere condolences to Robert’s son Bob, daughter-in-law Janis, granddaughter Justine and the entire Andrus family for the loss of this dear, sweet man. He will surely be missed. Remembering Robert, he lived his life fully with great positivity and loved his family deeply. During much of his long and happy life, he spread joy to so many, especially his family. Through Robert’s extraordinary artistic talent and love of nature, he created the most beautiful works of art anyone could ever imagine and left behind a vast legacy of exquisite, museum worthy works of art sculpted from wood. A tree has been planted in Bob’s honor, which seems fitting. As he so loved nature and his favorite medium wood, he chose to transform it into beautiful pieces of art that will be enjoyed by many, for years to come. May Robert’s soul rest in peace and may God bless and comfort you all with the wonderful memories you shared together.

Sincerely,

Susan Maroney and Georgia Keleher

Susan Maroney - July 22, 2025 at 08:53 PM

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“ Bob helped me to make a tabletop for an old wooden sears shipping crate used to transport metal products in the 60’s. He took the time to show me his work shop at his and Maxine’s home in Gurnee. With great pride and patience he taught me how to use the equipment needed to make the top. I have moved 4 times since we made this top together. It currently serves as a coffee table in my living room and serves to remind me every day of the friendship we shared. He was a great guy. Love to the Andrus family.

Bob Schauer - July 15, 2025 at 11:19 AM