



Robert E. "Bob" O'Neill

August 26, 1946 - July 8, 2023

Robert Edward O'Neill, born August 26, 1946, was surrounded by his family when he passed on to be with our Father in Heaven on July 8, 2023. Bob was the loving and cherished husband of Brenda, father to Edward (Melanie Lee), Dana (Clinton Hansen) and Robert II (Ivana Serrano); grandfather of Edward, Elizabeth, Tyler, Jake, Eleanor, Amelia, Lauren and Robert III. His children and grandchildren made him proud with their talents and service to community and country.

Robert graduated from Deerfield High School, Valparaiso University (Electrical Engineering) and University of Maryland (Juris Doctorate). While attending law school at night on a full scholarship, he worked as a patent examiner for the United States Patent and Trademark Office. As a patent attorney, he worked for the United States Naval Laboratory in Washington, D.C. and later was the head of the Chicago office. He later joined the patent law firm of Wegner, Stellman, McCord, Wiles & Wood in Chicago, Illinois. In 1978, he started his own law firm in Lake County, Illinois. In 1982, he and his dear friend, C. William Bockelman, Jr. combined their practices and located in Lake Forest, Illinois. They worked together for 45 years.

On July 22, 2023, a visitation will begin at 9:00 a.m., followed by Mass at 10:00 a.m. at Church of St. Mary, 175 E. Illinois Road, Lake Forest, Illinois. A lunch reception for family and friends will immediately follow at Gloria Dei

Center, Woodlands Academy, 700 E. Westleigh Road, Lake Forest, Illinois.

Interment will be private at Lake Forest Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions will be accepted at Chicago Botanical Gardens, www.chicagobotanic.org. Arrangements by Burnett-Dane Funeral Home in Libertyville. For information call (847) 362-3009. To share a memory, please visit www.burnett-dane.com.

Funeral Mass Livestream Link:

<https://www.youtube.com/@churchofst.marylakeforesti2907/streams>

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 22. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Mary Catholic Church
175 E. Illinois Road
Lake Forest, IL 60045

Funeral Mass

JUL 22. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Mary Catholic Church
175 E. Illinois Road
Lake Forest, IL 60045

Reception

JUL 22. 11:15 AM (CT)

Gloria Dei Center at Woodland's Academy
760 E Westleigh Rd.
Lake Forest, IL 60045

Tribute Wall



“ Our family was the recipient of Bob's friendship, humor and hijinks. Potato guns, 4th of July fireworks and parades, Corn Roasts at the Club and Meet Bob impromptu ones, Turduckens and secret pumpkin rides. Bob was always up to something. His friendship and energy will be missed greatly. Condolences to the entire O'Neill clan.

Christian Erzinger

Christian Erzinger - July 22, 2023 at 10:47 AM

“ I first met Bob in 1995 on my first visit to the US. I have felt privileged to regard Bob as a true friend ever since. Bob had a long lasting positive affect on my family and on several occasions I was lucky enough to experience the amazing hospitality of the O'Neill family. Bob had many friends in Australia and I know they join me in sending our deepest condolences to Brenda and the entire family

Geoff Spiegel - July 20, 2023 at 08:40 PM

“ Sending our sympathies to entire family. So many fond memories from being in your wedding, living in DC etc. Always remember Bob's gesture of tearing a dollar bill in half and giving to Larry when he left for Viet Nam. They each kept a half. Larry carried through the jungle for 13 months and has it framed. Sending love and hugs from Georgia. Larry and Diane (Brunssen) Sand

Diane Sand - July 16, 2023 at 07:53 PM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Robert E. "Bob" O'Neill.



July 15, 2023 at 08:14 PM



“ I still can't believe he is gone. We had so much fun. Club in the morning and Rita's for lunch. Then back to the club for 1 more. I Probably didn't help matters but we sure had fun. Great Man

Frank Bock - July 15, 2023 at 05:34 PM



“ Bob O'Neill pledge PI Kappa Alpha fraternity at Valpo's Epsilon Beta chapter in 1964, ever since he has been my brother. We drove the 1936 fire truck in th 1965 Home Coming Parade. Our futures crossed when Dana and our son Clinton were dating. Since their wedding, Karen and I, Brenda and Bob were family, sharing moments of celebration and sadness. Bob will be missed by all Hansen.

Howard Peter Hansen 7/15/23

Howard P Hansen - July 15, 2023 at 12:43 PM