



J. Robert "Bob" Mangers

August 26, 1925 - September 16, 2023

J. Robert "Bob" Mangers, 98, life-long resident of Aurora and former Aurora Fire Chief passed away on Saturday, September 16, 2023. Bob was born on August 26, 1925, the son of John Henry and Lena (Delles) Mangers. His wife, Jean Mangers preceded him in death.

A devoted husband and loving father, grandfather, and great grandfather, Bob retired in May of 1990 after 40 years with the Aurora Fire Department. From 1977 to 1990 he served as fire chief. He was a graduate of Marmion and served our country in the United States Navy in World War II aboard the USS Augusta in the European Theater. He was a member of many organizations such as: Golden Kiwanis, St. Joseph Catholic Church, International Association of Fire Chiefs, Illinois Fire Chiefs Association, Kane County Fire Chiefs Association, Phoenix Club, VFW Post #1197 in Batavia, and Roosevelt Aurora Post #84 of the American Legion. Bob was a deserving and proud recipient of the Aurora Noon Lions Club Citizen of the Year Award in 1990 and St. Joseph School Distinguished Graduate Award in 1999. He is cherished and will be missed by his family and friends.

Bob is survived by his seven children, John (Kathy) Mangers, Jan (Greg Fayfar) Mangers, James Mangers, Jeri (Stan) Kahle, Jane (Michael) Kutska, Joel Mangers, and Jeni (Jeff) McCormick; eleven grandchildren; and ten great grandchildren.

Preceding him in death is his wife, Jean; daughter, Joy Mangers; brother, Albert Mangers; sisters, Rita Budler and Dorothy Reuter; and parents.

Funeral Mass will begin Friday, September 22, 2023 at 9:30 AM from THE DALEIDEN MORTUARY to St. Joseph Catholic Church for Mass at 10:00 AM. Interment will be at St. Joseph Cemetery.

Visitation will be Thursday, September 21, 2023 from 3:00 PM until 7:00 PM at THE DALEIDEN MORTUARY, 220 North Lake Street, Aurora, Illinois. 630-631-5500.

Please visit our website at www.daleidenmortuary.com where you may leave condolences for Bob's family.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Joseph Catholic Church in Aurora or to the Aurora Regional Fire Museum, 53 N. Broadway, Aurora 60505.

Cemetery Details

St. Joseph Cemetery

Corner of Rt. 25 and Indian Trail Road.
Aurora, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **21**. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Daleiden Mortuary
220 N. Lake Street
Aurora, IL 60506
(630) 631-5500
daleidenmortuary@gmail.com
<https://www.daleidenmortuary.com>

Morning Prayers

SEP **22**. 9:30 AM (CT)

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Funeral Mass

SEP **22**. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Joseph Church
722 High Street
Aurora, IL 60505
1-630-844-7380

Tribute Wall

TE

“ my deepest heart felt condolences to his lived ones , friends , aquantences , played him ping pond , couldn't beat him he was really good , when ever i seen the chief at the restaurant , he'd ask how im. doin , am I working nice guy

ted - September 23, 2023 at 09:15 AM

MS

“ Bob lived a couple of doors down from my mother, Mary Louise Akin, at The Holmstad. Mom loved sitting with Bob at meal times and enjoying his sense of humor. Oftentimes, when I visited her, I would find Bob outside in the courtyard area. The dog and I would stop and sit with him for awhile and ask him to tell stories about his life in Aurora and his military and fire service. He told me a great story about meeting George Patton on a ship and then we went to his apartment and he showed me the picture! He was, in a way, an honorary grampa to me and probably to so many who crossed paths with him. He always had a smile for me and he will be missed. Oh behalf of the Akin and Stoller families, I send our deepest condolences to your family. Mary Lynne Akin Stoller

Mary Lynne Stoller - September 22, 2023 at 09:38 AM

JM

Thank you for the kind words, Mary.

John Mangers - September 22, 2023 at 08:56 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of J. Robert "Bob" Mangers.*



September 20, 2023 at 10:07 PM



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

September 20, 2023 at 06:18 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of J. Robert "Bob" Mangers.*



September 20, 2023 at 06:18 PM



“ *Bob was a special person. Our sympathy to the family.*



Conrad and Peggy Gosselin - September 20, 2023 at 10:10 AM

MG

“ Margaret G. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of J. Robert "Bob" Mangers.

Margaret G. - September 20, 2023 at 10:03 AM

ML

“ Sorry for your loss he was a great man

Mike lungren - September 19, 2023 at 06:22 PM

DM

“ So sorry for your loss prayers for the family 🙏🙏

Danette Meketi - September 19, 2023 at 06:55 AM

MS

“ So sorry for your loss. Met him at the aurora memorial for Pearl Harbor. My son was a sea cadet with the US Navy and helped him at the buffet line. He made the effort to come over to me with his walker to tell me I raised a fine young man. I'll never forget those words. I was very proud. Thankful for that small moment. May he Rest In Peace.

Maria Salazar - September 18, 2023 at 11:14 PM

GG

“ Bob was an Aurora legend...he truly will be missed!!

Grayal Gilkey - September 18, 2023 at 06:17 PM

JM

Thank you Mr. Gilkey.

John Mangers - September 19, 2023 at 05:09 PM

SK

“ So sorry for your family's loss.



Susan Klemencic - September 18, 2023 at 05:46 PM