



Robert Eugene "Bob" Brent

February 20, 1939 - May 5, 2016

Robert Eugene "Bob" Brent, 77, of Aurora, IL passed away on May 5, 2016 at his home surrounded by his loving family. He was born on February 20, 1939 in Thackery, IL.

He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Janice R. (Rausch) Brent; his children, Mark (Kristen) Brent and Ann Marie (Joseph) Pawlisz; his grandchildren, Cameron, Robert, Courtney, Braden, Morgan, Tyler, and Kylee; his sister Beverly Williams; his brother Gary Brent; his brother-in-law Dr. Richard Olson; and many loving relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents Howard Brent and Mary Lorene Brent McChesney; and his sister Verla Olson.

Bob served on the Aurora Police Department for twenty eight years, including twelve years as Chief of Police. During his police career, Bob received advanced training at the University of Louisville, University of Illinois, Michigan State University, and a Bachelor of Law degree from LaSalle Extension University of Chicago. He received training at the FBI Academy and the US Secret Service Academy. He served on the adjunct faculty of Aurora University and the Police Training Institute at the University of Illinois.

While with the Aurora Police Department, he was a member of one of the

area's first SWAT teams, served on the Presidential family and candidate protection details, and acted as Chief of Detectives before becoming the youngest Chief of Police for a city and police department of Aurora's size in the country at that time.

Following his retirement from the Aurora Police Department in 1989, he joined Alarm Detection Systems, Inc of Aurora, IL for fifteen years as their Director of Public Relations.

Bob was an active and dedicated community volunteer and leader throughout his entire life. He began serving as a Scout leader before he had any children of his own, and remained active in Scouting for many years. He was especially proud of his involvement in Kiwanis Club. During his forty- four years with the Kiwanis Club of Aurora, he served as Club President and was Kiwanian of the Year. He was also responsible for the creation of the Golden K Kiwanis Club of Aurora. One of his proudest professional accomplishments was founding the Aurora Area CrimeStoppers. He was a long-time member of the Juvenile Protective Association, and an active member in the Illinois and International Associations of Chief of Police, along with many other professional and law-enforcement organizations. Bob was a committed member of the leadership of civic organizations, such as the Community Foundation of the Fox River Valley, the former Mercy Hospital Foundation Board, and other church and civic clubs. He was a member of Holy Angels Church in Aurora. Bob is remembered for his activity and leadership, love of his community and desire to "Protect and Serve", and the way he showed loved every day to his wife, family, and friends. He loved traveling with his wife, golf and fishing; but he loved nothing more than camping with his family and friends, especially his grandchildren.

Funeral from THE DALEIDEN MORTUARY will be Tuesday, May 10, 2016 at 9:30am to Holy Angels Church at 10:00am. Fr. Michael Lavan will officiate

with interment at St. Joseph Cemetery. Visitation will be Monday, May 9, 2016 from 3:00pm until 8:00pm at THE DALEIDEN MORTUARY, 220 N. Lake St., Aurora, 630-631-5500. Please visit our interactive website at www.daleidenmortuary.com where you may leave condolences for Bob's family.

In lieu of flowers, donations in the memory of Robert E. Brent may be made to Aurora Area CrimeStoppers or the Community Foundation of the Fox River Valley.

Cemetery Details

St. Joseph Cemetery

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

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 9. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

Funeral Mass

MAY 10. 10:00 AM (CT)

Holy Angels Church
120 South Lancaster Avenue
Aurora, IL 60506

Tribute Wall



“ Daleiden Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Robert Eugene "Bob" Brent



Daleiden Mortuary - May 07, 2016 at 02:10 PM

DM

Beautiful tribute!

Deborah Moleski - May 08, 2016 at 10:55 PM

SS

“ My deepest condolences to the Brent family on your loss. I met Bob in the 1980's when working on the Exchange Club Policeman of the Year Award committee and then joined with him on the Aurora Crimestoppers Board that he nurtured for over thirty years. Having similar backgrounds in Scouting and police work we shared more than a few memories. The more so following his attendance at Bramshill Police Training facility in the UK.

Bob was a caring, conscientious and committed public servant in addition to the love and devotion he gave to his family. He will be sorely missed by all.

Steve Stephens

Steve Stephens - May 10, 2016 at 06:17 PM

JM

“ So sorry for your loss. I know Bob was one of my father's favorites!
They can now talk again in heaven.
The Ronald Martin Family (Jennifer)

Jennifer Martin - May 08, 2016 at 09:11 PM



“ Shades of Purple was purchased for the family of
Robert Eugene "Bob" Brent.



May 07, 2016 at 02:03 PM



“ Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers was
purchased for the family of Robert Eugene "Bob"
Brent.

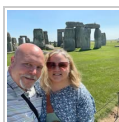


May 07, 2016 at 01:31 PM

BJ

“ We are so very sad about the passing of your Father Mark & know
how you are feeling, it is a very sad time we loose our Fathers , the
Man that was always there for us & so strong & Loving, God Be
With you to comfort & strengthen you all , we are praying for that
Brent Family, Brenda Johnson & Floy Davis

Brenda F. Johnson - May 07, 2016 at 11:39 AM



Thank you Aunt Brenda and Aunt Floy. We love you!

Kristen Brent - May 08, 2016 at 09:20 PM

PE

We are so very sorry for your loss. Mark, you father was an incredible man and you are a great son. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. May God bless and keep you in his loving arms. Much love, Pat, Gary Ervick and Family

Pat and Gary Ervick - May 09, 2016 at 10:21 AM



“ *White Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Robert Eugene "Bob" Brent.*



May 06, 2016 at 10:34 PM

MW

“ *To the entire Brent family: I am so sorry for your loss. Chief Brent helped me in so many ways when I first moved to Aurora. I enjoyed our working relationship and I know how proud he was that Mark became a lawyer. Again, my deepest condolences. Michael Weinstein*

Michael Weinstein - May 06, 2016 at 06:49 PM

LU

“ *LakeShore Urology purchased the European Sympathy Dish Garden for the family of Robert Eugene "Bob" Brent.*



LakeShore Urology - May 06, 2016 at 03:36 PM