



Robert Allen Hanlon Jr

December 26, 1959 - November 7, 2025

Robert Allen Hanlon Jr. passed away unexpectedly at Mercy Medical Center, November 7th, 2025 at the age of 65. Bob was born December 26th, 1959 in Aurora Illinois, to the late Joy Ann (Quigley) Hanlon and Robert Allen Hanlon Sr.

Bob was a loving father, grandfather, brother and uncle. He is survived by his daughters Megan (Hanlon) Gamboa and Nicole Hanlon; siblings Monica (Hanlon) Jennings and James Hanlon; nieces Julia and Lauren Jennings; grandsons Isaiah and Gabriel Gamboa and many cousins and friends who will miss his bright spirit.

Bob was a lifelong part of the Aurora and Fox Valley community. As a child he'd spend afternoons at his grandparents' home and business, the Hanlon Button Co. in Batavia Il. He emphasized the importance of family to his daughters and would insist on Sunday afternoon dinners with his own parents. Bob remained close with his two siblings throughout his life. A

cherished nickname that many knew him by, “Buzz” or “Buzzy”, stemmed from his older sister

Monica’s attempts to say “little brother” and introducing him as her little “buzzer.”

In high school and college, Bob played soccer and had a true love of the game. He played

soccer at Hinkley-Big Rock High School from 1974-1978. He was a member of the Aurora

Kickers Football Club and played for Aurora University in 1979 until he broke his nose in a car

accident and could no longer play the game. He greatly enjoyed cheering for his daughters

during their soccer games. Bob was thrilled when his grandsons also started to play and he

could rejoin the cheering section.

Bob graduated Cum Laude from Southern Illinois University Carbondale in 1982 with a

bachelor degree in business. He started his career as an Estimator for Anderson Windows, 84

Lumber, and F.E. Wheaton. He held various roles throughout his career such as Vice President,

Foreman at Reinhart Construction, Sales and Kitchen Designer at Home Depot, and over a

decade with his own business Bob’s Handyman Services. Regardless of the role, his career

was centered around people’s homes; building, repairs, and renovations.

There are dozens of

homes, apartment complexes, and residences in the area that have been impacted by Bob’s

work.

In 1992, Bob welcomed his first daughter, Megan. Bob married Megan's mother Catherine (Frerich) Brolley in February 1993. Their family grew again in 1994 with the addition of their second daughter Nicole. Despite divorcing shortly after, Bob remained an active part of his daughters' lives from the beginning to the end. Some of his greatest joys came from his two daughters. In 2016 and 2017 that joy grew with the addition of his two grandsons, Isaiah and Gabriel, born to his eldest daughter and he became "Pop Pop". Bob loved spending time with his grandsons. In a recent fishing trip he confided his happiness that his "legacy lives on in those boys".

Bob devoted his life to his family and friends. Those who knew Bob will remember him for his infectious positivity especially in difficult times. He will be remembered for his love and unwavering support, always ready to lend a hand or share a laugh. A genuinely good man, he knew how to make the best of a bad situation and wouldn't hesitate to help. Bob will be missed by many.

A Visitation will be held at The Daleiden Mortuary (220 N. Lake St. Aurora, IL 60506) from 11am-1pm on Saturday, November 22nd. Bob will be laid to rest

next to his beloved parents at St. Paul's Lutheran Cemetery.

A Celebration of Life will follow from 5-8pm at Hometown Lanes in Plano (209 W Main St, Plano, IL 60545). Bob was an avid bowler and had a tradition of celebrating his birthday here with family every year for the last decade. His family will be celebrating him again with open bowling, pizza, and good memories.

Please consider making a donation to your local food pantry or animal shelter in Bob's honor.

"Put in a good word for me with the Big Man!" -Robert Hanlon

Cemetery Details

St. Paul Lutheran Cemetery

Montgomery, IL

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

NOV **22**. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

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

Private Burial

NOV **22**.

St. Paul Lutheran Cemetery
Montgomery, IL

Tribute Wall

HA

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



HBR Alumni - December 23, 2025 at 01:16 PM

TF

“ The Reinert Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Robert Allen Hanlon Jr.



The Reinert Family - November 20, 2025 at 10:20 AM

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“ The Reinert Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert Allen Hanlon Jr.

The Reinert Family - November 20, 2025 at 10:20 AM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Robert Allen Hanlon Jr.



November 16, 2025 at 10:07 PM

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“ The McNally family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert Allen Hanlon Jr.

The McNally family - November 16, 2025 at 10:07 PM

MA

“ Mark and Amy purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Robert Allen Hanlon Jr.



Mark and Amy - November 15, 2025 at 05:09 PM

MA

“ Mark and Amy planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert Allen Hanlon Jr.

Mark and Amy - November 15, 2025 at 05:09 PM

NH

“ My dad shared a special bond with my dog Nitro from the moment they met. They were inseparable when together. When apart, my dad would call to say hi to his little girl. I'd put him on speakerphone and she'd go running to the front window to look for him just in case he was here. He will be greatly missed.



Nicole Hanlon - November 14, 2025 at 02:47 PM

JA

I played basketball with dad and we were best of friends along Tom Evan's and Steve Aiken. We did everything together. I kept meaning to contact and never did. My lost.

Jose Alaniz - November 14, 2025 at 05:48 PM

BS

My condolences to the family

Bob Swanbum - November 15, 2025 at 07:24 AM

JW

*We were so sorry to hear about the passing of my sweet cousin. Our deepest sympathy, he was a kind soul always a smile to share. May he rest in eternal peace. Sending love and prayers.
Love, Jane and Jack Wiete*

Jane Wiete - November 15, 2025 at 01:12 PM