



Robert Dean McCue

April 21, 1937 - May 15, 2026

Robert D. McCue, age 89, of Aurora passed away at his home on Friday, May 15, 2026, after a long battle with cancer. Bob was born on April 21, 1937, in Aurora.

Bob graduated from St Rita's Catholic Elementary and East Aurora High School (1956). Bob was a standout varsity athlete in multiple sports, holding track records, scoring four touchdowns in a single game, All Conference, All Chicago Area Team and was honored as an inductee in the East Aurora Athletic Hall of Fame, and recognized as a distinguished Alumni of East Aurora. Bob attended Western Illinois to play football for two years before settling in Aurora.

Bob married his lifelong partner of 62 years, Judy (Kartheiser) on May 9, 1959. Together they built a home and raised five boys and one girl. They spent a lifetime taking family road trips, fishing in Minnesota, attending countless sporting events, and hosting big family parties.

Bob stayed very active coaching his kids' many sports and he also played sports into adulthood with the Moose Club. He was an avid gardener, hunter, fisherman, handyman and animal lover. On any given day he would bring home stray animals, wounded hawks, owls, raccoons, sheep, and Sundays after mass at St Joseph Catholic Church always included a trip to Shasta Pet shop for more fish to fill their many tanks.

Bob started his career in the pump industry at Aurora Pump. From there he gained the expertise and training to venture out and acquire Thomas Pump Company in Chicago with a partner. Shortly after, Bob became the sole owner, visionary businessman and moved Thomas Pump Company to Aurora where it has been a thriving local family business for over 40 years.

In his spare time, he held a position on the East Aurora School District Board and East Aurora Athletic Old Timers for many years, volunteered at the Special Olympics, and donated to countless charities throughout his life.

Bob is survived by his sons and spouses, Bob Jr (Brenda), Michael (Ann) and by his only daughter, Mary McCue; five grandchildren, Jeremiah (Julia) McCue, Cory (Angelica) McCue, Ries (Issac Arroyo) McCue, Riley McCue, Casey Lynn; and five great grandchildren, Ava, Abigail and Alaina McCue, Anya McCue, Duncan Arroyo and by many extended family members including Sherrie Wirtz.

He is preceded in death by his wife Judy (Kartheiser) McCue, his parents James E and Daisy (Seidleman) McCue; his siblings, Dywane, Jim R and Joan McCue, Carol and Patrick Burke, Diane Fezekas and by his sons; Randy, Ron and Jeff McCue.

Bob touched countless lives, built his ventures with integrity and a deep respect for those who supported him along the way. He was a devoted family man that led with patience, dedication and immeasurable support. As a friend he offered time, loyalty and a steady presence. If you needed something, he would be there with no hesitation or expectations. Bob gave generously of his time, talents and resources, always prioritizing the well-being of his hometown of Aurora. He will be dearly missed by all.

Please join us in celebrating his life:

Funeral services will be Friday, May 22, 2026 from 9:30AM at DALEIDEN MORTUARY to St. Joseph Catholic Church at 10:00AM. Fr. Jerome Leake will officiate with interment at Mt. Olivet Cemetery.

Visitation will be Thursday, May 21, 2026, from 4:00PM until 7:00PM at DALEIDEN MORTUARY, 220 North Lake Street, Aurora, IL 60506. (630) 631-5500

Memorial contributions in Bob's name may be made to either the East High Football Old Timers or to the East Aurora Educational Board.

Arrangements entrusted to Daleiden Mortuary, Aurora, Illinois – providing funeral and cremation services to Aurora, Montgomery, Sugar Grove, Oswego, Batavia, Yorkville and surrounding communities.

Cemetery Details

Mt. Olivet Cemetery

278 Ashland Avenue
Aurora, IL 60505

Upcoming Events

Visitation

MAY 21. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

Funeral Mass

MAY 22. 10:00 AM (CT)

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

Graveside Service

MAY **22** (CT)

Mt. Olivet Cemetery
278 Ashland Avenue
Aurora, IL 60505

Tribute Wall



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

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