



## Mr Robert William Bentel

May 26, 1945 - March 27, 2026

Robert William Bentel, Jr., 80, of Melrose Park, passed away peacefully on March 27, 2026, surrounded by family. He was preceded in death by his father, Robert William Sr.; mother, Irene; and brothers, William Marshall and Kurt William Bentel. A proud U.S. Marine Corps veteran, Robert first worked as a butcher before becoming a skilled locksmith, faithfully serving his community for many years. He is survived by his beloved wife, Geraldine “Gerri” Bentel; sons Robert (Toni) and Anthony (Christina) Bentel; stepsons Michael (Lucia) and Joseph Tillman; grandchildren Alexia (Thomas) Atkinson, Haley (Jesse) Dutton, Arianna Bentel, Michael Tillman, Madison Bentel, Mia Bentel, Morgan (Jeremy Starzec) Bentel, and Grace (Camden Swearingen) Bentel; great-granddaughter Corie Dutton; and sister-in-law, Diane Bentel, and niece, Rachel. A longtime member of the Kiwanis Club and Lions Club, Robert will be remembered for his devotion to family, generous spirit, and loyalty to the Chicago White Sox. Visitation Tuesday, March 31, 2026, from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Carbonara Funeral Home in Melrose Park, IL. Funeral Wednesday, April 1, 2026, 9 a.m. at Carbonara Funeral Home, with Funeral Mass at 10 a.m. at Sacred Heart Church in Melrose Park. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials to the Cancer Research Institute in Robert’s honor are appreciated (<https://www.cancerresearch.org/ways-to-give/honor-someone-special>).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 31. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (Ct)

Carbonara Funeral Home  
1515 N 25th Ave  
Melrose Park, IL 60160  
(708) 343-6161  
<https://carbonarafuneraldirectors.com/>

# Tribute Wall

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“ Gerri and family, please know how sorry I am for your loss and how much I wish I could have been there to offer my sympathy in person. Bob came to my rescue a few times--as a locksmith and as park security and he always called me "dear." Rest in peace, Bob.

Tina Valentino - April 22 at 11:12 PM

AL

“ A Beep LLC purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mr Robert William Bentel.



A Beep LLC - March 31 at 01:18 PM

TL

“ May he rest in peace. A wonderful man with a wonderful family. Tom & Carol Leischner

Thomas Leischner - March 30 at 05:07 PM

TF

“ A grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mr Robert William Bentel.

The Coveny family - March 30 at 01:23 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mr Robert William Bentel.*



March 30 at 01:11 PM



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

March 30 at 01:11 PM



“ *Gerri and family, I am very sorry to hear about this. Bob was a kind-hearted, wonderful friend, and will be sorely missed. God bless you, and let perpetual light shine upon him.*  
*Love,*  
*John Halls*

**John Halls** - March 29 at 05:36 AM



“ *John T. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr Robert William Bentel.*

**John T.** - March 29 at 05:32 AM

LM

“ *Love, Melinda & Macy purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Mr Robert William Bentel.*



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**Love, Melinda & Macy** - March 28 at 11:46 PM