



## Robert O'Connell Jr.

October 10, 2024

Robert (Bob) J. O'Connell Jr, Tis Himself. On October 10, 2024, passed away peacefully surrounded by his family. Loving son of the late Cathrine and Robert O'Connell. Beloved husband of Suzanne (nee Swider) for 55 years. Devoted father Robert (Mary) and Andy (Abby). Loving brother of Mary Elizabeth Corcoran (James), Anne Bitting (John), Catherine Grabis (Andrew), Michael (Edna), John, James (Anne), Edward (Kimberly), Joseph (Catherine) and his brother & best friend, the late William (Kathleen). Loving Poppy/Bobby to Caleigh, Andy, Olivia, Jack, Bobby, and Braeden. He is also survived by his 44 nieces/nephews, cousins, and friends.

Bob was a proud graduate of West Catholic, class of 59. He was equally as proud to be a member of the Steamfitters union (local 420) for over 40 years. Bob was passionate about the continuity of being part of the union and helping his fellow members. He loved spending time at his place at the shore in North Wildwood, taking in the sunsets from the deck while listening to his favorite 50's classic tunes or socializing on the promenade. He enjoyed scenic boat rides on his Boston Whaler and "fishing" from the dock of the Wharf. Many of his 82 summers were spent down the shore and he met the love of this life there - it held a very special place in his heart. During his downtime, Bob loved to watch his western movies often saying The Duke's lines along with him.

Above all else, Bob loved his family. He cherished the role of being a big brother and was always there when a loved one needed him. He loved his

friends and family fiercely, often lending his time and wisdom to them. Later in life, he would take on one of his most beloved roles of being a grandfather. He loved being around his grandkids, they could do no wrong in his eyes. He was a fixture on the sidelines for their sporting events, never missed a birthday or a holiday with them.

Relatives and friends are invited to his Viewing and Funeral, Friday, October 18, 2024 after 10:30 A.M. at St. Agnes Church, Coles Road and Little Gloucester Road, Peters Ln, Blackwood, NJ 08012 followed by his Funeral Mass at 12:00 P.M. Interment will be at the convenience of his family.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation in Bob's memory to Saint Jude Children's Hospital ([www.stjude.org](http://www.stjude.org)) or by mail at St. Jude Children's Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

Arrangements were entrusted to the care of Rachubinski & Rogers Funeral Homes.

Share Online Condolences at [www.rachubinskiandrogerfh.com](http://www.rachubinskiandrogerfh.com)

# Previous Events

## Viewing

OCT 18. 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Agnes Church  
701 Little Gloucester Road  
Blackwood, NJ 08012

*Flowers are to be delivered by 9:30 AM*

## Mass of Christian Burial

OCT 18. 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Agnes Church  
701 Little Gloucester Road  
Blackwood, NJ 08012

# Tribute Wall

WC

“ My cousin , Robert O’Connell Jr  
AKA Bobby:  
No greater love have this that a man lay down his life for a friend,  
brother  
That sums up Bobby that was what he was willing to do. That’s who  
he was at his core in his heart  
Once when I was about 12 and Bobby was 8  
And Billy 7  
I was left in charge of them by their parents  
Bobby proceeded to show me where his dad  
Kept his cigars  
The three of us proceeded to light up and smoke the cigars  
While we were smoking his parents returned  
As they had forgotten something  
And caught us cigar handed  
The end of my baby sitting career  
Every Christmas Bobby’s and Billy  
Would walk from their house to mine and proceed to search for my  
Christmas presents  
Which I had hidden . This was an annual ritual.  
They always found them and we had great fun  
There father was a second father to me  
May God forgive any little faults Bobby may have committed and  
welcome him into His Kingdom  
And my he save a space for all of us  
William J Connelly

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William Connelly - October 17, 2024 at 02:28 PM

MC

*Billy: I think of you often - remember that you, Bob and Bill were the best of friends in your youth! Thank you for sharing your warm memories! Our parents, Bob, Bill, Maryann, Kathleen and all of our dear family who are enjoying God's loving presence now our are guardian angels! Love, Mary Elizabeth ❤️*

**Mary Elizabeth Corcoran** - October 17, 2024 at 09:18 PM

WC

*Thank you for your lovely message*

**William Connelly** - October 18, 2024 at 09:53 AM

JM

*I remember Bob O'Connell as a dedicated family man. Wherever Bob was there was a group of children gathered around. Wherever there was a family gathering Bob was there. He would entertain relatives with his dry wit and would always keep the children amused.*

*Bob was dedicated to his Faith. He was a regular attendant at St. Agnes Church and a role model for many. Bob was kind and was always there to help.*

*I was always happy to spend holiday dinners with him and the family. He will always be remembered as a very special man. There aren't enough good things to say about him. I have been blessed to know him.*

**Jane McCarthy** - October 27, 2024 at 05:42 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Robert O'Connell Jr..*



October 17, 2024 at 02:11 PM

MF

“ Mike and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert O'Connell Jr..

Mike and Family - October 17, 2024 at 01:53 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Robert O'Connell Jr..



October 17, 2024 at 01:53 PM

NB

“ Naji Bassoulo planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert O'Connell Jr..

Naji Bassoulo - October 15, 2024 at 09:11 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robert O'Connell Jr..



October 15, 2024 at 09:11 PM

YM

“ *Your Friends at JP Morgan purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Robert O'Connell Jr..*



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**Your Friends at JP Morgan** - October 15, 2024 at 04:42 PM

BO

“ *Bridget and Edward O'Connell purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Robert O'Connell Jr..*



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**Bridget and Edward O'Connell** - October 15, 2024 at 03:25 PM