



Robert Louis Kennedy

July 18, 1936 - June 14, 2026

Robert Louis Kennedy passed peacefully into his heavenly reward on June 14, 2026, at N. C. Little Hospice in Edina, Minnesota. Robert, or "Bob" as most people knew him, was born on July 18, 1936, to Frank Ivan and Lucile Kennedy in Springfield, Illinois. He was preceded in death by his parents, brothers Tom and Jack, his daughter Stamatia, and his loving wife, Hope. He is survived by his children George (Robyn) Kennedy and Christina (David) Sluka, eight grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Bob enlisted in the Navy when he was eighteen (1954) and was stationed in San Diego where he trained pilots on flight simulators. He later went to college and graduated with degrees in mathematics (major) and English literature (minor). His first job was working for the American Shoe Company (now Frye). He sold automated nailing machines when they first were invented to companies making shipping pallets. Later, Texas Instruments hired him to sell metal products, which led him to the world of electronics with Fairchild Semiconductor. That industry experience spurred him to start his own manufacturer's representative company where he invested most of his career. He was well known in the upper Midwest for his integrity, hard work, and faith.

In 1971 he was struggling with alcohol addiction. He was at the point of suicide when he walked into St. Mary's Greek Orthodox Church and met with Father Anthony. Father Anthony helped him regain his faith in God and

encouraged him to call Alcoholics Anonymous (AA). That moment was transformational for Bob. He dedicated his life to Jesus Christ and served his family, the church, and people struggling with various addictions for over fifty-five years until his final days.

He also taught Sunday School, staffed Bible camps, and led and participated in several Bible studies. He served as the chairman for the Minnesota Family Council, Metro Hope Ministries, Healing House, various prison ministries, and St. Mary's Greek Orthodox Church. He also helped a local chapter of AA in many capacities. He humbly served, overcome by the grace that God had extended to him. He was generous with his time, talent, and treasure, modeling what it meant to serve Christ.

In lieu of flowers, the family welcomes memorial donations in honor of Bob Kennedy to Healing House for Women (c/o Metro Hope Ministries), Orthodox Christian Prison Ministry of Minnesota, or Prison Fellowship. Gifts may be made at <https://www.metrohope.org/donate>, <https://www.ocpm-mn.org/donate>, <https://secure.prisonfellowship.org/donate/restore>.

A viewing for Bob Kennedy will be Wednesday, June 17, from 5-7 p.m. at the Washburn-McReavy chapel, 5000 West 50th & Highway 100, Edina. There will be a short service at 6 p.m. to honor Bob. The funeral will be the next day, June 18, at 1 p.m. at St. Mary's Greek Orthodox Church, 3450 Irving Ave S, Minneapolis, with a dinner reception about 4 p.m. following the service and family burial.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 17. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Edina Chapel
5000 West 50th & Highway 100
Edina, MN 55436

Visitation

JUN 18. 12:30 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

St. Mary's Greek Orthodox Church
3450 Irving Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55408

Funeral Service

JUN 18. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

St. Mary's Greek Orthodox Church
3450 Irving Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55408

Graveside Service

JUN 18. 3:00 PM - 3:30 PM (CT)

Lakewood Cemetery (Minneapolis)
3600 Hennepin Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55408

Tribute Wall



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Robert Louis Kennedy.*



June 17 at 10:55 PM



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

June 17 at 10:55 PM



“ *Peter and Jenni Boyle purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Robert Louis Kennedy.*



Peter and Jenni Boyle - June 17 at 07:14 PM



“ *Peter and Jenni Boyle planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert Louis Kennedy.*

Peter and Jenni Boyle - June 17 at 07:14 PM

AB

“ Sending you condolences and lifting you and your family up in prayer. Hoping happy memories bring joy and a smile. So sorry for your loss.

Amy and Mark Blaubach (chapel hill academy)

amy Blaubach - June 17 at 06:16 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Robert Louis Kennedy.



June 17 at 05:21 PM



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

June 17 at 05:21 PM

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“ Bob was always there with a smile and some encouragement. He was instrumental in my life and gave me good counsel at a critical time. He lived a good life, and now he has heard the words "Well done, good and faithful servant. Enter into the joy of the Lord."

John Stewart - June 17 at 04:12 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Robert Louis Kennedy.*



June 17 at 03:29 PM



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“ *Bob was a joy to know as a Board member at Minnesota Family Council and supporter of our work. And now, he has entered into his eternal joy. We give thanks to our Heavenly Father for Bob's service, His grace in Bob's life, and extend our condolences to family and friends.*

Jeff Evans, President & CEO - June 17 at 01:04 PM



“ *I only met Robert a couple of times as I was heading out to Shakopee women's prison for the Orthodox Ministry program, but I was touched every time with his kindness and gentleness. Robert has been a part of the Ministry since its very inception at Shakopee and I am honored to continue doing what he loved, God willing.*

Alexei D. - June 17 at 10:36 AM

EL

“ George and family - I'm feeling a little lost without your wonderful father here. He was so very special, as was your mom. Thank you for sharing them with me. May your dad's memory be eternal. 💔

Elaine - June 16 at 07:57 PM

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♥ we appreciate you!

Christina sluka - June 16 at 09:26 PM

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“ Atmel NC- Jeff, Ray, Garry, Frank, Steve purchased the With Distinction for the family of Robert Louis Kennedy.



Atmel NC- Jeff, Ray, Garry, Frank, Steve - June 16 at 05:06 PM