



Robert Leland Ortt

October 4, 1957 - November 7, 2025

Robert Leland Ortt was born on October 4, 1957, in Chula Vista, California and passed away unexpectedly on Friday, November 7th, 2025, at Mercy Hospital in Coon Rapids, Minnesota, at the age of 68 years.

Robert is survived by his:

Wife, Kay (Spelbrink) Ortt; Son, Ryan (Melanie) Ortt of Coon Rapids, MN; Daughter, Lisa (Josh) Mahowald of Delano, MN; Grandchildren, Austin Eshelman, Baylee (Luis) Vidal, Keru Omad, Romie Omad, Jacob Johnson, McKenna Lindahl, Hunter Lindahl, Caiden Lindahl, Madeline Mahowald, and Keegan Mahowald;

Sisters, Debbie (Dave) Boileau; Linda (Greg) Weber; Gayle McMinn, John Erickson, and Carolyn (Randy) Koglin; Brother, Jerry Ortt; Many aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews.

Robert was preceded in death by his daughter, Jennifer Lindahl; Parents, Gerald and Barbara Ortt, Ronald and Doris Spelbrink; Brother, Douglas Ortt; and Brother In Law, Doug Spelbrink.

Robert was a graduate of Brainerd High School and went on to receive his education in Electronics Engineering Technology from Willmar Area Vocational Technical Institute. He was hard working and dedicated. He spent the years of 1977 to 2009 employed as a Project Manager for Northern Telecom and continued working as a contractor before retiring in 2022.

Robert was a loving husband, father, grandfather, son, brother, godfather, uncle, coach and friend. He was a devoted husband and father who lived his

life for his family. He loved everyone unconditionally, and always had a smile on his face that lit up the room.

Robert's hobbies and interests helped define who he was. He enjoyed singing, swimming, karaoke, coaching, fishing, vacationing, cooking, playing his guitar, and so much more.

Robert was a man of great integrity, kindness, and generosity, and left a lasting impact on everyone who knew him. He was always optimistic no matter what came his way. He had a way to make everyone feel welcomed and heard. Those who knew Robert will remember him for his infectious smile, his love for his family, and his unwavering commitment to spreading love and kindness to everyone he encountered.

He had a rare gift for making others smile and laugh, leaving a lasting impact on all who crossed his path.

Robert was loved by so many. We will miss him dearly, but we know he is always watching over us. Our angel is in Heaven, until we meet again.

The family invites you to the funeral for Robert Ortt on Saturday, November 22nd, 2025, at 11am with visitation 1 hour before at Zion Lutheran Church, 1601 S 4th Ave, Anoka, MN 55303, with a luncheon to follow at the church.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **22**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Zion Lutheran Church (Anoka)
1601 4th Avenue South
Anoka, MN 55303

Funeral Service

NOV **22**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Zion Lutheran Church (Anoka)
1601 4th Avenue South
Anoka, MN 55303

Tribute Wall

AN

“ I knew Robert for about a year. He was a very kind man with a quick wit and such a love for his family. Every time he talked about his wife and family, he had such love in his expression. I can recall one instance where he teared up recalling a memory at a wedding, when he and Kay were the last ones dancing after decades of marriage. Bob, you will be missed.

Anonymous - January 23 at 04:41 PM

TC

“ The Laketown Crew purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Robert Leland Ortt.



The Laketown Crew - November 21, 2025 at 04:04 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Robert Leland Ortt.



November 21, 2025 at 03:08 PM

WC

“ West Education Center planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert Leland Ortt.

West Education Center - November 21, 2025 at 03:08 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Robert Leland Ort.



November 20, 2025 at 12:06 AM

TS

“Bobby” was my very best friend growing up on Laurel Ave., in St. Paul. We played together every day. All sports and games, our favorite being baseball; he the pitcher and me the catcher. We played pitch and catch for hours in preparation for the ad-hoc ballgames we drummed up at Dunning Field amongst teams of boys from surrounding neighborhoods. While surely just ordinary kid games, to us, they held world-series like importance and felt like instant classics. Win or lose, we (along with Jerry and Dougie) rode our bikes home reliving the details all the way.

Everyday was like that with Bob. And so I remember being devastated at the news the Ortts were moving to Brainerd, and how unfair life felt the day the moving van drove off, taking the Ortts and my best friend away.

Fortunately, it wasn't forever. Some 3 years later I was invited and took the bus for a glorious weeklong summer stay. Being introduced to Bob's Brainerd world of friends (Chip and company), driving old cars much "too fast" on dirt roads, and generally acting more "grown up" than our actual ages permitted. It all felt quite epic to me.

Decades flew by before we would reunite again - now in our mid 50's. The conversation was as easy as ever, picking right up and replaying the stories of our childhood like they just happened. It was so good to get caught up on our life journeys: careers, parents, siblings, and of course, Bob's biggest joy - his large and growing family.

Bob, I'm grateful to have known you and wish we could have spent more time together. Will always cherish the memories and already miss you.

Your buddy, Tony Schiller

PS. If you have any say up there in heaven, can you help bring the purple back to the Super Bowl, and maybe just once, win it this

time?

Tony Schiller - November 18, 2025 at 07:37 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Robert Leland Ort.*

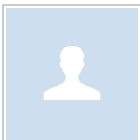


November 18, 2025 at 08:08 AM



“ *Julie, Johnny, Wade, and Brian planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Robert Leland Ort.*

Julie, Johnny, Wade, and Brian - November 18, 2025 at 08:08 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Robert Leland Ort.*



November 16, 2025 at 02:18 PM



“ *Love, Anne Dupont and Family planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Robert Leland Ort.*

Love, Anne Dupont and Family - November 16, 2025 at 02:18 PM

CW

“ California Cousins—Dori, Cherie, Wendy purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Robert Leland Ortt.



California Cousins—Dori, Cherie, Wendy - November 13, 2025 at 10:45 AM

CW

“ California Cousins—Dori, Cherie, Wendy planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert Leland Ortt.

California Cousins—Dori, Cherie, Wendy - November 13, 2025 at 10:45 AM

JR

“ Jim Rehmann purchased the *Gracious Lavender Basket* for the family of Robert Leland Ortt.



Jim Rehmann - November 12, 2025 at 09:00 PM

TF

“ The Boileau Family purchased the *Beautiful in Blue* for the family of Robert Leland Ortt.



The Boileau Family - November 12, 2025 at 04:14 PM

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“ *The Boileau Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert Leland Ort.*

The Boileau Family - November 12, 2025 at 04:14 PM