



Robert "Bob" W. Mattson

August 20, 1943 - February 2, 2026

It is with deep sorrow that we announce the passing of Robert "Bob" W. Mattson, cherished husband, father, grandfather, uncle, and friend, who died on February 2, 2026, at the age of 82.

Bob's career was defined by a strong work ethic, and a remarkable rise from humble beginnings. Starting in the back room of a machinery plant, Bob worked with machines at Caterpillar, learning through hands-on experience, eventually working closely with CEOs of textile plants across the country. His exceptional talent for management, problem-solving, and mechanical ability quickly set him apart.

As his skills grew, so did his responsibilities. Bob worked in upper management for other textile companies, eventually starting his own business, Textile Enterprises, Inc.

But Bob's journey didn't end there. After retiring from his own company, he was recruited by a major national firm, where his engineering expertise earned him a highly respected position working closely with the CEO, despite never having a formal college degree in Engineering. He oversaw nine textile plants across the United States and Canada. His story is a testament to the power of hard work and perseverance, proving that success doesn't always follow a traditional path.

Beyond his professional accomplishments, Bob was a gifted storyteller who loved explaining how things worked and sharing memories from the past. He often jokingly called himself “Mr. Wonderful,” a nickname delivered with a grin and unmistakable charm. When he launched into a story, he would pause and ask, “Are you with me?”—a simple phrase that invited others into the moment and reflected how he valued connection and shared understanding.

Bob is survived by his beloved wife of 33 years, Diane (née Hawk); his cherished children, Christine L. (Dave) Carlson, Robert A. (Edna) Mattson, Michael W. (Jennifer) Mattson; his stepchildren, Keith (Kristen) Meyer and Carrie (Derek) Lenzen; and his grandchildren, Jacqueline, Kiara, Kolby, Ava, Kylie, Nicholas, Rebecca, and Andrew, all of whom brought him great pride and joy.

Bob was born on August 20, 1943, in Hinsdale, Illinois, to Walter I. Mattson and Nanetta May (née Warburton). He was preceded in death by his brothers, John (June) Mattson of Coloma, Michigan, and James (Marion) Mattson of Carol Stream, Illinois. He is also survived by his nieces and nephews, Susan, John, Doug, Kim, Laura, Jimmy, and many other great-nieces and great-nephews.

Tribute Wall



“ *My heart goes out to all you. I have many fond memories of uncle Bob and his visits. He was always a great storyteller and I loved hearing of his younger days spent here in MI. My thoughts & Prayers are with all of you. 🙏*



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