



## Robert Louis Persin

September 1, 1946 - December 28, 2025

Robert Louis Persin, age 79, passed away peacefully on December 28, 2025. Bob was devoted to his large extended Croatian family, loving father, proud grandfather, and faithful die-hard of the Valparaiso YMCA. He lived half of the year at his home in Henderson, Nevada, and the other half of the year in Westville, Indiana.

Bob was preceded in death by his beautiful wife, Mary Persin; his parents, Frank Persin Sr. And Genevieve Persin; his brothers, Frank Persin Jr. and Mark Persin; and his sister, Maria Harney.

Survived in life by his longtime girlfriend and companion, Elizabeth Staples; his brothers, Sandy Persin and Ron Persin; his son, Robert Persin (Vicki Schmidt), and daughter, Carey Anderson (Michael Anderson); his grandchildren, Justin Anderson and Patrick Anderson, and Bob had a very special grandfatherly bond with Jordan Staples and Logan Staples. Bob loved all his many nieces and nephews.

Bob graduated from Andean High School in 1965. He served in the Navy during the Vietnam War. For nineteen years, he was a pipefitter at US Steel where he earned the nickname "Bionic Bob" for his strength. He then worked as a postal clerk / sorter in Valparaiso.

His passions in life were weightlifting, watching the stock market religiously, a known regular at the Green Valley Ranch Casino Sports book and Keno pit, encouraging his grandchildren to be the best versions of themselves, and he loved giving his children unsolicited financial advice and advice in general. Bob was proud of his immediate and extended family, and he would brag profusely to anyone who would listen.

A memorial visitation will be held on Friday, January 16, 2026, from 3 pm to 7 pm at Burns Funeral Home and Crematory, 10101 Broadway, Crown Point, Indiana.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, January 17, 2026, at 9:30 am at St. Helen's Church, 302 North Madison Street, Hebron, Indiana. Father Ian Williams will be officiating. Interment following mass, at Calumet Park Cemetery, Merrillville. After burial services, there will be a reception at St. Helen's Hall in Hebron.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation payable to the Hebron School Education Foundation, please put the Mary Persin Salutatorian Award in the memo line. Checks can be sent to 1st Source Bank, 111 West Sigler Street, PO Box 99, Hebron, Indiana 46341. [www.burnsfuneral.com](http://www.burnsfuneral.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Calumet Park Cemetery

2305 W. 73rd Ave.  
Merrillville, IN 46410

# Previous Events

## Memorial Visitation

JAN 16. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (cst)

Burns Funeral Home & Crematory - Crown Point  
10101 Broadway  
Crown Point, IN 46307  
(219) 769-0044  
info@burnsfuneral.com  
<https://www.burnsfuneral.com/>

## Mass of Christian Burial

JAN 17. 9:30 AM (cst)

St. Helen Church  
302 N. Madison St.  
Hebron, IN 46341

# Tribute Wall

GP

“ We are so sorry for your loss, we didn't know the final arrangements until Saturday. I going to miss not seeing Bob at the Y on Fridays, and seeing him and Liz at the Blue Chip Casino for music and dancing on Saturdays in the spring and summer.  
Gene & Beckie

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**Gene Polchlopek** - January 18 at 07:51 AM

SM

“ I would like to send my deepest condolences to Bob's family and to Liz and her family. I worked with Bob at the Post Office. Plus I ran with Bob years back. He was such a help with my running. He always pushed me when I felt I couldn't do any more. Even when we did races together, once he was finished he would always run back and pace me, to finish a little bit faster. I still get a smile when I think back, during one Hobart brickyard run. It was so hot, I was just dragging, he ran back and said " are you going to let that 90 year old man (who had just passed me) finish before you, pick it up" He always had a way of making my runs enjoyable. I have fond memories. My deepest sympathy. Sandy Morgenroth

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**Sandy Morgenroth** - January 17 at 07:58 PM

BB

“ Bobby and Carey,  
Sending prayers and condolences with the loss of your dad.

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**Bryan Brodner** - January 17 at 12:36 PM

DA

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

Denise A. - January 16 at 11:40 AM

EB

“ My deepest sympathies Carey and Bobby, your dad was one of a kind and truly a loving and amazing man. Sending you all my love.  
Erika

Erika Briney - January 16 at 08:13 AM

EF

“ Erika Briney and family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Robert Louis Persin.



Erika Briney and family - January 16 at 08:06 AM

LS

“ Liz Stsples purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Robert Louis Persin.



Liz Stsples - January 13 at 03:37 AM

LS

“ Liz Stsples planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert Louis Persin.

Liz Stsples - January 13 at 03:37 AM

GS

“ Bob and Liz would meet my wife and me at the Green Valley Resort and Casino whenever we went to Vegas. He and Liz were great people to break bread with, always a good time and much laughter. Bob would always joke about me working for the Post Office and not making big money like him at the Steel Mills. Then the Mills closed and Bob went to work for the Post Office; it was my turn to joke with him. I will miss his friendship and advice on how to win at KENO.

Gary J Snyder - January 12 at 11:01 PM



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



January 12 at 04:55 PM

PS

“ Paul Sladewski purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Robert Louis Persin.



Paul Sladewski - January 11 at 03:07 PM

JJ

“ *Bob and Kerry,  
I was deeply saddened to learn about the loss of your father.  
Although our acquaintance was brief, it's evident that he was a  
remarkable man. He raised a kind and loving son and daughter. My  
heartfelt condolences to you and your family during this difficult  
time. Jacky Jacobs*

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**Jacqueline L. Jacobs** - January 10 at 09:16 PM

CR

“ *To the Persin family-May God give you strength and comfort. Bob  
and I worked together at the Valpo P.O., and he worked with my  
father (pipefitter) at the mills. Remembering him as a very friendly  
and kind person. May he rest in peace, Carol Rolfe*

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**Carol Rolfe** - January 10 at 02:59 PM

AP

“ *Alice P. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert Louis  
Persin.*

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**Alice P.** - January 10 at 10:57 AM