



Robert Butman

May 21, 1964 - December 5, 2025

Robert Daniel Butman, “Bobby” “Bob”, 61, of Niles, Illinois, passed away December 5, 2025 at Evanston hospital, after a reoccurring battle with cancer.

Born at Edgewater Hospital, Robert was the third of four sons born to Ben (a Holocaust survivor) and Florence. Bob and his brothers, "The Butman Boys" were raised in West Rogers Park and were lucky enough to live with their uncle Marv, and grandpa Louie, in addition to their parents. Bob graduated from Rogers Elementary school, Mather High School (where he was the starting center fielder), and from Northeastern Illinois University, where he received his B.A. in Criminal Justice. In 1990, Bob started working for the Department of Justice, United States Immigration and Naturalization Service, where he met the love of his life and future wife, Marlene. A natural athlete, he loved Chicago sports, particularly the Chicago White Sox (he hated the Cubs).

Bob was the loving husband of his devoted late wife of 24 years, Marlene Butman Palao, who preceded him in death in 2016.

Loving father of Trevor Benjamin Butman of Niles and twins Jacob Butman of Niles and Daniela Butman of Franklin, WI. Brother of Alan (Sharon) Butman of Glenview, Steve Butman of Northbrook, and Gary (Sue) Butman of Lincolnshire. Fond uncle of Zion and Ethan Butman. Lifelong friend of Bart Hoffman and Benjamin “Butch” Rubin.

Bob was also preceded in death by parents Benjamin "Benny" and Florence (nee Cohen) Butman and uncle Marvin Cohen, who was like a second father to the Butman Boys.

Funeral service 11am, Wednesday, December 10, at Maryhill Cemetery Chapel, 8600 N. Milwaukee, Niles, IL 60714. Entombment to follow. Friends and family will gather after the cemetery (1-5pm) at Max and Benny's, 461 N. Waukegan Rd., Northbrook 60062.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made here to offset final expenses: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/support-bobbys-children-after-his-passing>

Arrangements by Inclusive Funeral Care, 773-318-1305 or www.InclusiveFuneralCare.com.

Cemetery Details

Maryhill Catholic Cemtery

8600 North Milwaukee Avenue
Niles, IL 60714

Previous Events

Prayers followed by Entombment

DEC 10. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Please meet in the cemetery chapel by 10:45am for brief eulogies followed by entombment.

Celebration of Life

DEC 10. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Max and Benny's
461 Waukegan Rd.
Northbrook, IL 60062
<https://www.maxandbennys.com/>

Tribute Wall

MU

“ Hey Bobby,
Murray here with my current dog Sunshine.
You're back home now with Florence and Bennie.
We're all in your driveway playing wiffleball.. as usual Pancho was
the first one here. And Marvin is the official picture.
I have not good authority that we're all gonna come and join you
hopefully later rather than sooner until then rest easy, my brother 🙏
😊

Murray - December 09, 2025 at 02:50 PM

ML

“ I grew up on Jarlath street with Bobby. I admired him for being so
good at pretty much all sports. His family was a fixture on the street.
He was friendly and joined in all the crazy 'chase', 'tag' and ball
games the gang of kids on our block created.

His family was creative. Most Halloweens they'd build a haunted
house in their garage. I'm sorry we didn't stay connected as we got
older.

Michael Lerner - December 09, 2025 at 11:50 AM

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Daniela Butman - December 06, 2025 at 09:06 PM

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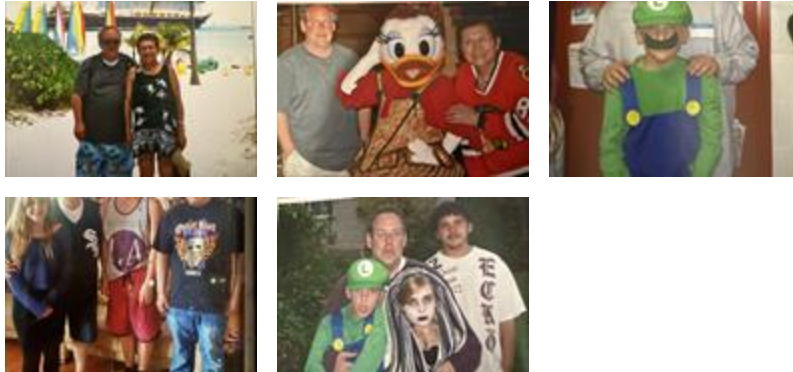
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“ To the Butman and Palao families, I'd like to extend my heartfelt condolences regarding your loss. Bob always had my deepest respect for the love he had for his family, his intelligence, the intense way he did his job, and his knowledge and love of sports. All the Butman boys loved their Uncle Marv and always voiced their love and respect for him. We've shared a great deal of loss and triumphs over the years through good and rough times. This family has known great sorrow, and it is with that knowledge, that I hope the next chapters are filled with joy and happiness and fond memories of those they have lost. God be with you all at this time.
Bill Mann

William Mann - December 06, 2025 at 07:51 PM



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