



Robert Allen Gerard

July 22, 2025

Robert Allen Gerard Passed away on July 22, 2025. He was 79 years old.

He was the first born of identical twin boys on October 2, 1945, to Robert A. Gerard and Mary Ellen (Palmer) Gerard. Raised in Greenpoint Brooklyn, he attended catholic schools in his early years and spent much of those primary years engaged in competitive swimming with his brother at the Greenpoint YMCA winning many awards and titles competing against domestic and foreign teams in NY.

Bob often spoke of fond memories of summers he spent outside of the city with his family in a simple cabin in Rosendale, NY where they enjoyed swimming, diving, fishing, and enjoyed all the beauty of upstate NY. After high school he enlisted in the US Navy. He served in Vietnam together with his brother, on the USS Mount McKinley deployed off the coast of South Vietnam. Upon honorable discharge, he worked in a steel mill during the day and attended college at night. He subsequently continued his college education full-time earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration with concentration in accounting from Long Island University, Brooklyn campus (of course Brooklyn).

He married Jean (Morales) in 1970 and moved from Brooklyn to Cresskill NJ. After the birth of their two children, Bobby and Jenelle, they moved to quaint

Harrington Park NJ and enjoyed 43 years of a wonderful life there raising their children. Happiest times included hosting their annual Christmas Eve parties for friends, neighbors and relatives, involvement in his children's social and sporting activities, family vacations at the Jersey shore and along the east coast, skiing trips, domestic and international travel and Caribbean getaways. His favorite destination, by far, was Playa del Carmen in Mexico and attending air shows whenever the Blue Angels or Thunderbirds were featured. Post retirement Bob & Jean decided to leave snow and ice behind and relocate to Florida.

Over the years, Bob has held accounting management positions in a variety of diverse companies and industries including Anaconda div of Atlantic Richfield, Nabisco, Grand Union, United Merchants, and Tom-WAT and most recently Financial Controller at Steam Mist prior to retirement in 2018.

Bob is survived by his loving wife Jean of 55 years, son Robert (Jennifer), daughter Jenelle (Christian), cherished grandchildren Riley and Ryan, sister Noreen Cheek, brother Bill (Pat), and numerous nieces and nephews. He will be missed dearly.

In lieu of flowers, family would appreciate donations to American Cancer Society or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Private Cremation

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

AUG 13. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Barrett Leber Funeral Home
148 Dean Dr
Tenafly, NJ 07670
(201) 568-8043
<https://www.barrettleberfuneralhome.com/>

Memorial Funeral Mass

AUG 14. 10:00 AM (ET)

Saint Therese of Liseux Church
120 Monroe Avenue
Cresskill, NJ 07626

Tribute Wall



“ Karen Martin (Battaglino) lit a candle in memory of Robert Allen Gerard



Karen Martin (Battaglino) - August 16, 2025 at 09:12 AM



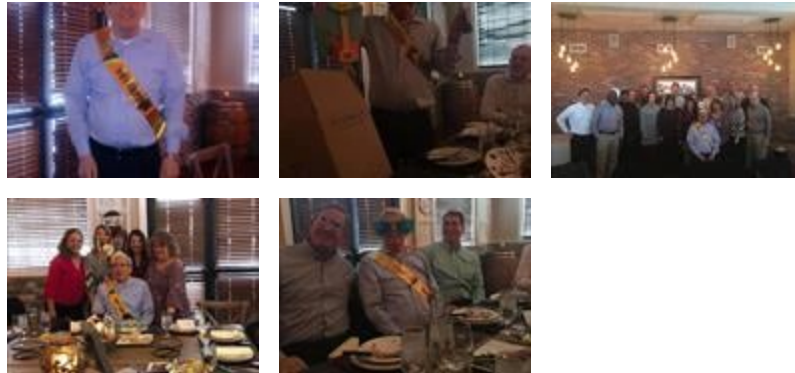
“ Karen Martin lit a candle in memory of Robert Allen Gerard



Karen Martin - August 16, 2025 at 09:10 AM



“ Great memories. I wanted to share pictures from Bob's retirement party from steamist.



Anna Dowling - August 13, 2025 at 09:12 PM

LS

“ Tony & I are saddened to hear of Bob’s passing. The Scott family has known Jenelle as family for years through her close friendship with our niece Jen Miller. Through that friendship we got to meet the Gerard family. Please know you are in our thoughts and prayers. May God give you the strength to get through the difficult days and also may your memories bring you comfort.

Laura Svoyy - August 11, 2025 at 12:08 PM



“ 49 files added to the album Memories Album



Barrett Funeral Home - August 10, 2025 at 08:47 AM

JM

“ I could speak endlessly about my Uncle Bob. He's been a part of my life for as long as I can remember. One of my earliest memories of him is reassuring me, as a crying baby, that there were no spiders in my crib, just a flower print. Even with a cast on his leg, he comforted me with patience and love. Years later, he was the one who taught me how not to damage my hair with a blow dryer. One of the many, small but thoughtful ways he looked out for me. Throughout every season of my life, Uncle Bob was a constant presence; kind, gentle, generous, loving and supportive. He was the epitome of a gracious host at all occasions. He made everyone feel welcome and loved. He has left an indelible mark on my heart, and I am forever grateful for the time we shared. May he rest in peace.

With love, Jennifer Morales

Jennifer Morales - August 08, 2025 at 04:55 PM

WV

“ Wanda Vitellaro lit a candle in memory of Robert Allen Gerard



Wanda Vitellaro - August 08, 2025 at 04:38 PM

“As I reflect on the past, I find myself thinking back to my childhood and the many memories I hold dear of my Uncle Bob.

I remember visiting Uncle Bob and Aunt Jean at their Brooklyn apartment. At the time, he was attending night classes at LIU. I was amazed by the size and weight of his textbooks and wondered how anyone could possibly remember everything written in all those pages. Even then, I admired his dedication and hard work.

My Uncle Bob took my sister Jennifer and me to our first Thanksgiving Day Parade. We had a perfect view of the floats from the window of his office. While the parade was exciting, I found myself equally fascinated by his big wooden desk and all the office supplies—it felt like such a grown-up world.

He also took us to Washington, D.C., to see the cherry blossoms and visit the museums. I'll never forget watching how money was printed and stacked high on pallets. And then, there was our first trip to Disney World, where we rode a boat through the canals of It's a Small World and visited the Hall of Presidents where I wondered how the president figures were made and he told me they were made of wax. They are such dear childhood memories.

And at family gatherings, you could always count on finding Uncle Bob watching a ball game or an episode of Star Trek on TV.

And as I grew older, what stood out most to me, was how hard he worked to care for his family and his home, where you always felt welcomed. He was a reliable, respectful, kind, and compassionate man with a heart of gold, who lived his life with quiet strength and deep integrity.

I will carry his memory in my heart forever.

Rest in peace, Uncle Bob. I will miss you dearly.

Wanda (Morales) Vitellaro

Wanda Vitellaro - August 08, 2025 at 03:50 PM

AD

“ *Dear Jean & family, I am so very sorry for your loss. Bob was a great man and the best boss I ever had. I will always have happy memories of Bob. We had a great working relationship, and I drove him crazy in the office. I don't know how he put up with my shenanigans. I definitely made him laugh and am thankful for having known him. All my prayers to you and your family,*

Deepest condolences,

Anna Dowling

Anna Dowling - August 06, 2025 at 02:07 PM