



Robert Joseph Eaton

February 28, 1937 - January 31, 2026

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Robert “Bob” Eaton, age 88, of Channahon, Illinois, died peacefully at home on January 31, 2026.

He was born in Champaign and was raised in Sidney, Illinois by Dora (Kalk) and Howard “Babe” Eaton. He attended Unity High School before proudly joining the US Navy where he served on the USS Vance.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents and his siblings, William (Pauline) Eaton and Patricia (Neal) Mast. He is survived by his beloved wife of 65 years, Ann “Susie” Eaton; his sons, Jeff (Tammy) of Yorkville, IL, and Steve of Lake Tahoe, NV; his grandchildren Robert (Hannah), Rachel (Cody) Willyard, and Kyla Eaton; and his great grandchildren, Arlo, Halston, and Leighton Eaton, and Georgia Willyard. He will be missed by nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

When Bob was 15 his parents took him to Deer Lake, Minnesota. He went on to take his own family there for many years, spending some of the best times on the lake with his brother, Bill. He eventually realized a dream and owned a cabin on the lake for 20+ years, enjoying time there with lots of friends and family. One of Bob’s proudest achievements was as Scout Master of

Channahon Troop 444 and on his watch 5 boys made the rank of Eagle. Bob worked for Mobil Oil in Channahon for 24 years. In 1983, he was sent to work in Saudi Arabia for three years.

In his final days, Bob was cared for by his wife, his sons, and Dan Baker, Lori Hallett, JJ McClimon, and Michelle Korczak.

A visitation will be held at Maple Funeral Home, 24300 S. Ford Road in Channahon, IL on Friday, February 6, 2026 at 10 a.m Funeral will follow at 11 a.m. Interment will be held at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery in Ellwood, IL at 12:30. In lieu of flowers, the family would prefer donations to Lightways Hospice (250 Water Stone Circle, Joliet, IL 60431).

Cemetery Details

Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 6. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

The Maple Funeral Home
24300 West Ford Road
Channahon, IL 60410
(815) 467-1234
info@themaplefuneralhome.com
<https://www.themaplefuneralhome.com>

Funeral Service will begin at 11:00 AM Pastor Ayla Samson officiating at The Maple Funeral Home

Tribute Wall

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“ I worked with Bob at Mobil for all those years and it was an absolute pleasure to know him and work with him. My prayers for Susie and entire family. RIP Bob , you will be missed by all who have known you. 🙏

Kevin Maguire - February 03 at 08:41 PM

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Shirl and I have many fond memories from the past about Bob, Sue and friends from the days at Mobil. Bob was a man I will always be grateful for knowing. Rest in peace my friend.

Rick Chapman - February 05 at 01:32 PM