



Robert M. Bunting Jr.

July 18, 1935 - January 1, 2026

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Robert M. Bunting Jr., 90, of Chanute, Kansas, passed away peacefully on January 1, 2026, at Credo Assisted Living in Chanute, surrounded by family.

Bob was born on July 18, 1935, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, to Robert Sr. and Margaret Bunting. He proudly served his country in the United States Army, beginning his service in 1955 and serving for several years.

On February 20, 1959, he married the love of his life, Margaret “Peggy” Headrick. Together they built a life rooted in family, service, and community. In 1969, Bob and Peggy moved to Chanute with their young children for a job opportunity. Chanute became the place he truly called home—a community that embraced and supported him through both joy and profound tragedy.

Bob endured tremendous loss throughout his life, including the deaths of all three of his children—daughter Laurie in May 1970, son Raymond in September 1986, and daughter Genese in December 1994—as well as the loss of his beloved wife Peggy in March 2015. Despite these hardships, Bob remained remarkably positive, resilient, and deeply connected to those around him. His strength of spirit and optimism left a lasting impression on all who knew him.

Bob was a social person who genuinely loved interacting with others. He enjoyed lunches with friends and family and staying actively involved in the community. He was a devoted sports fan, especially enjoying Neosho County baseball and enthusiastically attending his grandchildren's activities.

Professionally, Bob worked in manufacturing before beginning a long and respected career in public service. He worked at City Hall in Chanute, eventually serving as Chanute City Manager. He worked at Commerce Bank in Chanute before becoming City Superintendent in Coffeyville. He concluded his career at Southeast Kansas Regional Planning Commission in Chanute.

Bob is survived by his son-in-law, Bart, and wife Joan of Burlington; his grandchildren, Isaac (Yasmin) Kuhlmann of Overland Park, Kansas, Grace Kuhlmann of Lenexa, Kansas, and Max Kuhlmann of Manhattan, Kansas; and one cherished great-grandchild, Prescott Jo Kuhlmann. He is also survived by two brothers, Boyd Bunting (the late Carolyn) of Loudon, Tennessee, and Dr. William Bunting (Patricia) of Cheswick, Pennsylvania; and one sister, Bess Reid (the late Carl) of Mentor, Ohio.

Services will be held Wednesday, January 7, 2025 at Countryside Funeral Home, 101 Highland, Chanute KS 66720. Visitation will be from 10:00 to 11:00 AM with funeral services following at 11:00AM. Memorial contributions may be made to Alive Alone, a charitable support group for bereaved parents that have lost all their children and sent in care of Countryside Funeral Home.

Bob's life was marked by service, resilience, kindness, and an unwavering love for family and community. He will be deeply missed and fondly remembered by all who had the privilege of knowing him.

Cemetery Details

Memorial Park Cemetery

E.. 14th St.
Chanute, KS 66720

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 7. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Countryside Funeral Home - Johnson Chapel
101 N. Highland
Chanute, KS 66720
(620) 431-1220

Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Robert M. Bunting Jr..*



January 06 at 03:25 PM



“ *We have always loved our brother Rob. We pray that he felt God's presence as he went through all of those years without his children and then his wife. We are forever thankful that Bart and Joan went above and beyond to bless him with a family for so many years. With love from Bess, Bill and Boyd.*

William Bunting - January 05 at 07:33 PM



“ *My parents hung out with Bob and Peggy, I went to school with Genese and Ray, beautiful people with lots of tragedy, Bob was a very good man with the resilience of Job, God created a special man in Bob I ask Jesus to comfort his family in this difficult time 🙏❤️🇺🇸*

David Elder - January 03 at 10:36 AM



“ *I first met Bob and Peggy through their dear friends Ron & Sylvia Umbarger, my sister in law. They became a family that inspired me so much through the years. I can only imagine the joyous family reunion in Heaven. RIP Robert Bunting*

Mitzi Beck - January 02 at 07:04 PM

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“ *Bob and I played many rounds of golf together. He was a great friend and fun to be around!!! Years ago he fixed up an older jeep and I painted it for him. We had many good times together !!!*

Mike Coots - January 02 at 07:01 PM