



Robert Allen "Bob" Darnstaedt

July 21, 1935 - February 5, 2026

Dateline: Godfrey

Robert Allen "Bob" Darnstaedt, 90, a longtime resident of Godfrey, Illinois, died February 5, 2026.

He was born July 21, 1935, the son of Edwin and Hulda (Luedeman) Darnstaedt. He grew up on a family farm near Jacob, Illinois, and graduated from Gorham High School in 1953.

Bob spent most of his working life in auto parts sales in Murphysboro and later in the Alton area.

On February 23, 1957, he married Elizabeth Anne "Liz" Sorrels in Murphysboro. The couple moved from Murphysboro to Godfrey in 1969 and spent the remainder of their married life there.

Bob was known for his kindness, his sense of humor and his love of classic cars. He owned several classic cars over the years, and one of his Nash automobiles in particular earned recognition as a "most unique vehicle." In retirement, he was a familiar presence as a morning mall walker for many years. He was a member of Faith Lutheran Church in Godfrey.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by his nephews and nieces, Rev. Mark (Linda) Darnstaedt, Karla Darnstaedt, Kristyl (Eddie) Mangrum, Denise Amschler and Renee Lofgren; and several members of his extended family, including Adam Morris, Heather Morris, Ted Morris and Mary Anne Morris, who were close to him.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his brother, LeRoy Darnstaedt; and his sister, Delphine Amschler.

A visitation will be from 10:00 a.m. until time of memorial service at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, February 26, 2026 at Faith Lutheran Church in Godfrey, with a meal to follow.

Gent Funeral Home in Alton is in charge of arrangements. Online guestbook and information may be found at www.gentfuneralhome.com

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **26**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Faith Lutheran Church
6809 Godfrey Road
Godfrey, IL 62035

Memorial Service

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