



Robert S. Synal

November 16, 1941 - October 27, 2025

Robert S. Synal Retired Battalion Chief, Chicago Fire Department

Robert S. Synal passed away on October 26, 2025. He proudly served as a Battalion Chief with the Chicago Fire Department, dedicating his life to helping others. He will be deeply missed but forever remembered for his strength, kindness, sense of humor, and unwavering love for his family and friends. His legacy of service and compassion will live on in the hearts of all who knew him.

He was married to the love of his life and best friend Shirley (née Gora), loving father of Robert, Sheri, Sandy (Joseph) Wos, Rick (Kelly), and Stefanie (Maggie). Nothing brought him greater joy than his family, especially his grandchildren — Joseph Robert, Patrick, Summer, Ricky, Joey, Abby, Michael and Zachary — who adored their “Grandpa / Pa” and will forever cherish his stories, laughter, and love. Robert was preceded in death by his parents Bruno and Helen Synal.

Dear brother of the late Bruno (late Marlene) Synal and brother-in-law of Geraldine (George) Garvey. Fond uncle to many nieces and nephews and dear cousins.

Visitation at Foran Funeral Home, 7300 W. Archer Ave. Sunday, November 2, 2025, from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Funeral Monday, November 3, 2025 10:00 a.m. Prayers and Procession to St. Symphorosa Church (Two Holy Martyrs Parish) 6135 S Austin Ave, for Mass at 11:00a.m. Robert will be laid to rest at Resurrection Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Resurrection Cemetery

7200 S. Archer Road
Justice, IL 60458

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 2. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Foran Funeral Home - Summit
7300 West Archer Ave
Summit, IL 60501
(708) 458-0208
contactus@foranfuneralhome.com
<https://www.foranfuneralhome.com/>

Prayers

NOV 3. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Mass

NOV 3. 11:00 AM (CT)

Two Holy Martyrs Parish - St. Symphorosa Church
6135 South Austin Avenue
Chicago, IL 60638

Tribute Wall



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Robert S. Synal.*



November 02, 2025 at 02:01 PM



“ *Jim Kaczmarek planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert S. Synal.*

Jim Kaczmarek - November 02, 2025 at 02:01 PM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Mike Maz - November 02, 2025 at 01:21 PM



“ *Eileen Considine and Joe Barrera purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Robert S. Synal.*



Eileen Considine and Joe Barrera - November 01, 2025 at 05:43 PM

EB

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Eileen Considine and Joe Barrera - November 01, 2025 at 05:43 PM

YB

“ Your friends af BGFA purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Robert S. Synal.



Your friends af BGFA - October 31, 2025 at 03:33 PM

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Your friends af BGFA - October 31, 2025 at 03:33 PM

LH

“ Linda Herrick purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Robert S. Synal.



Linda Herrick - October 30, 2025 at 05:55 PM

JO

“ God bless Bob. He was a good teacher.

John - October 30, 2025 at 03:49 PM

MA

“ My first inkling of how cool Bob was may have been when he pulled up to Busia and Dziadziu Witowski's house one Sunday in his brand-new black '59 Oldsmobile. Then one day my mom gathered us around the TV to watch a Channel 9 special on local heroes. Bob was one of these, going into a burning house to save a family. Finally, he let me sit in on accordion with his band at a family wedding. These things happened many years ago but the fact that they stuck in my mind all this time is a testament to what a great guy he was. RIP Bob.

Mark - October 30, 2025 at 09:54 AM



Mark, I recall that Bob commissioned you to build a large scale model of the Cutty Sark.

Bruce Swiecicki - October 30, 2025 at 03:44 PM

TR

“ Good bye to my instructor in the academy, class of Feb. 1977. Thank you for all you taught me. It saved me many times in fires.

Tony Rodriguez - October 29, 2025 at 03:39 PM

SS

“ When my cousin Bob found out I was going to travel and explore the country, he called me. I hadn't spoken to him in years, so it was such a nice surprise! He asked me if I thought he was going to tell me not to go. I said I wasn't sure. He said I should absolutely do it and proceeded to give me some great advice on safety and questioned me to make sure I had an extinguisher, a cb-type radio, etc. I was so touched by that call. I'll never forget it, and I appreciate it more now than ever. Sending love and prayers to his family now. He was a kind man and it is honor to have known him. See you on the flipside, Bob ❤️😭

Sue Swiecicki - October 29, 2025 at 02:39 PM