



Robert Albert White

April 23, 2026

Robert Albert White, known to many as Bob, Bobby, and “Bebop,” passed away on April 23, 2026, after a prolonged illness, surrounded by family. He was 83.

Born on August 7, 1942, in Providence, Rhode Island, Bob grew up on Crary Street in South Providence and carried that strength and resilience throughout his life. He was the beloved husband of the late Sandra Ann (Iannuccilli) White, his wife of 61 years, who passed in 2023. They shared a deep love of music and dancing. He was also the brother of the late Viola, William Jr., and Patricia.

He is survived by his children, Robin White and her partner Pierre Gouvin; Chris White; and Tracy Pierce and her husband Randy Pierce; his granddaughters, Olivia Nadich and her husband Aaron Nadich, and Chace Marshall; his great-grandson, Silas Nadich, a source of great joy in his final months; and his brother, John White.

A man of many talents, Bob was, above all, a musician. A self-taught and accomplished flute player, pianist, and singer, he led the band Persuasion and brought energy, presence, and charisma wherever he performed. He was also a pilot, storyteller, entrepreneur, and photographer; he built computers, made his own fermented foods, and kept his mind active and full of curiosity.

As Bob's young family grew, he took work as a carpenter and eventually became president of the Carpenters Union. He built a home for his family with the help of his father-in-law, Thomas Iannuccilli. They lived a wonderful life in this house for over 50 years.

Bob later became part of Governor Garrahy's administration at the Department of Education, where he was a prolific grant writer. He also served as a representative helping refugees who came to Rhode Island after the Vietnam War to start new lives. After 50 years, some of those individuals remained in touch with him and continued to express gratitude for his help and tremendous compassion.

He loved his family deeply and was one of their biggest cheerleaders, instilling pride, confidence, and the belief that anything was possible. Above all, he believed that family is everything. He will be deeply missed and remembered with love.

A private celebration of life will be held at a later date.