



9th Annual **Robert P. Bartz Award** **for Outstanding Leadership**

Honoring Selfless Leadership by Celebrating Legacy

Manatee County and our region lost a tremendous leader with the passing of Bob Bartz in early 2017. He was a very special kind of person and we will continue to use his example to inspire new leaders and recognize long-standing leaders who are serving our community. The Manatee Chamber's **9th Annual Robert P. Bartz Award for Outstanding Leadership** will be presented at our 63rd Annual Dinner on February 12, 2026.

We are asking the community to nominate deserving individuals. Honoring the commitment and leadership of others was a hallmark of Bob's tenure as President of the Manatee Chamber.

Award Criteria:

- Nominees should exhibit a long-term commitment and track record of betterment of the community through positive, selfless leadership.
- Nominees should have demonstrated community-minded leadership qualities above and beyond what is asked of his/her vocation.
- Nominees should exhibit leadership and vision for the quality of life in Manatee County.
- Nominees should have lived in our community for at least 10 years and have demonstrated a sustained commitment to our business community and quality of life.
- A significant affiliation with the Manatee Chamber of Commerce is a desired attribute.

Deadline for Nominations:

- Wednesday, December 3, 2025

Online Electronic Nomination Packet:

- ManateeChamber.com/BartzAward

Questions:

- Jacki Dezelski | 941-748-4842, ext. 131 | JackiD@ManateeChamber.com



Bob was a selfless community leader and a person of the highest integrity. He was a tireless advocate for Manatee County. For almost 35 years, he was the President of the Manatee Chamber of Commerce (1982 until 2017). Bob was beloved for his affable nature and positive attitude. He cared deeply about Manatee County's economic health and worked diligently, using the Chamber programs and influence, to make a positive difference. But his love for our community and the people who lived and worked here extended well beyond his work-related responsibilities. He was passionate about our community's quality of life - from youth and education, to crime and transportation, as well as ecology and sustainability. Bob made a significant and meaningful difference in many ways, not because he had to, but because he felt it

was the right thing to do. He was not afraid to tackle tough issues if the end result was a better community. He was a selfless leader, preferring to give credit to those around him. Although he did not seek the spotlight, his work in our region made him well-known.

Past Honorees

2018: Clifford L. Walters, III | 2019: Ronald J. Allen | 2020: Robert G. Turner | 2021: Amanda & John Horne
2022: Mac Carraway | 2023: Robert "Bob" Blalock | 2024: John R. Vita | 2025: Janene M. Amick



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NOMINEE:

Full Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Is or was this nominee a member of the Manatee Chamber of Commerce? Yes No

If Yes, how long and explain involvement: _____

How long has the nominee been a resident of Manatee County: _____ Years

NOMINATOR:

Full Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Relationship to Nominee: _____

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SUBMISSION INFORMATION:

- Deadline: Wednesday, December 3, 2025
- Email to: Carey Miller at CareyM@ManateeChamber.com or
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Bradenton, FL 34206-0321
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NOMINEE INFORMATION:

Please explain why this nominee exemplifies the legacy of leadership Bob Bartz set for our community as outlined in our award criteria:

