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Dorothy A. Panszczyk, 88 of Lindenhurst, IL, passed away peacefully, on Sunday, December 14, 2025. Dorothy was born in Chicago on January 6, 1937, on the North Side, in the Bucktown neighborhood. She married the love of her life, Edward, on April 25, 1959. Dorothy was a teletype operator for a time and often spoke of transmitting the news updates of the JFK assassination as they happened in November of 1963. She later became a stay-at-home mother to her two daughters.

Dorothy was an avid cardmaker and would make cards for every occasion. She even had a fan club for her cards as recipients often saved and treasured each one. She loved going to casinos, as well as watching Hallmark Christmas movies and football games. She also loved to travel with her family, including trips to England, Ireland, and Canada and domestic trips, including, among others, Las Vegas, San Diego, San Francisco, and Boston. Dorothy was the life of the party and made friends everywhere she went, probably because she genuinely liked meeting people from all walks of life.

Dorothy was predeceased by her beloved husband, Ed. She was the loving

mother of Linda Panszczyk and Laura (Nick) Trnka, and the fond grandmother of Jill and John Trnka. Dorothy was the youngest of eight children born to the late Ignatz and the late Anna Banicki. She was preceded in death by all seven of her siblings and their spouses: Julia (Joseph) Cypcar, Stephanie (Fred) Gorczyca, Leo (Bernice) Banicki, Henry (Marian) Banicki, Steve (known as Pete) Banicki, Raymond Banicki, and Richard (Esther) Banicki, as well as by her two nieces, who later became her adopted sisters, Dorothy (known as Bubsie) Cypcar and Sylvia Cypcar. Dorothy was a loving aunt, great aunt, and great-great aunt to many. She was also a friend to many, including her lifelong friend, the late Sylvia Kraus, who she met in first grade in the old neighborhood and knew for 80+ years.

Dorothy was a woman of many opinions who was not shy about expressing these opinions to anyone and everyone and was known to "read people the riot act" if she felt it was necessary.

Visitation will be 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. on Friday, December 19, 2025 at Ringa Funeral Home in Lake Villa. A funeral service will begin at 12 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Burial at Maryhill Cemetery in Niles will take place privately.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **19**. 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Ringa Funeral Home
122 S. Milwaukee Ave.
Lake Villa, IL 60046
(847) 356-2146
info@ringafuneralhome.com
<https://www.ringafuneralhome.com>

Funeral Service

DEC **19**. 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

AB

“ Amy B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dorothy Panszczyk.

Amy B. - December 18, 2025 at 07:19 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Dorothy Panszczyk.



December 18, 2025 at 09:54 AM

TF

“ The Granneman Family purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Dorothy Panszczyk.



The Granneman Family - December 18, 2025 at 06:32 AM

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The Granneman Family - December 18, 2025 at 06:32 AM

LF

“ We are so sorry for the loss of your kind mother. I remember when you first came by to dine with us and how much you enjoyed my father’s chili. Hold onto all of the lovely memories!
Lake Villa Restaurant Family

Lake Villa Restaurant Family - December 17, 2025 at 06:43 PM

LP

Thank you for your kind words. Mom certainly enjoyed dining at your restaurant.

Linda Panszczyk - December 20, 2025 at 06:02 PM

KL

With sincere condolences

*Josephine Gerardi
Karen LaManna
members of your Carmel Family*

Karen LaManna - January 22 at 11:11 AM

LR

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Lake Villa Restaurant family

Lake Villa Restaurant - December 17, 2025 at 06:42 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Dorothy Panszczyk.



December 17, 2025 at 05:57 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dorothy Panszczyk.*



December 17, 2025 at 04:43 PM



“ *Kerry McInerney planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dorothy Panszczyk.*

Kerry McInerney - December 17, 2025 at 12:39 PM



“ *Kerry McInerney purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Dorothy Panszczyk.*



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