



## Karen Dunham

July 4, 1954 - May 18, 2026

Karen J Dunham, 71 of Antioch , IL passed away on May 18th, 2026.

She was born in Chicago on July 4th, 1954, the daughter of the late Clyde and Viola Dunham (Malachek). Karen grew up in Waukegan, IL attending Our Lady of Humility Grade School and Holy Child High School. She was a long - time employee of the First National Bank of Antioch and in her retirement worked part-time for Landolt Securities. She was active with the Antioch Chamber of Commerce and an avid volunteer at the Taste of Antioch every year. Karen was a huge sports fan and can be characterized as a #1 Cubs and Bears fan. Karen was definitely a people person who could strike up conversation with anyone and willing to debate you on sports and politics.

She is survived by her brothers Craig (Mary) Dunham and Keith Dunham; nephews Adam Dunham, Matt Dunham and Jason (Vanessa) Dunham and her grand nephew Alex Dunham.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to her favorite charity Open Arm Mission Food Pantry: <https://www.openarmsmission.org/how-you-can-help>

A memorial visitation and open house will be 3 - 8 p.m. on Thursday, May 28, 2026 at Ringa Funeral Home in Lake Villa, IL.



# Previous Events

## Memorial Visitation

MAY **28**. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

# Tribute Wall

GC

“ Karen & I also attended OLH. She taught me how to play the guitar...too! Your family, I believe we're die hard Cubs fans, too. Am sorry for your loss. Glad I can remember her in my memories...God Bless You All...Fondly, Geri "Gigi" & "Gege" Ebert Cosgrove. Still live 2 doors east of your family's homestead

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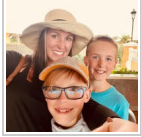
**Ger Ebert Cosgrove** - June 02 at 05:14 PM

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“ Hi Craig & Keith, From a time long ago, we lived very close to you all on Edgewood Rd , Wkgn (Castle Crest). 2 doors east of you. Am truly sorry for the loss of your sister, Karen. She use to babysit for my parents...all 6 kids for Ted & Lucy Ebert. That, I remember was challenging in itself...My siblings locked us all in the bedroom with Karen, too. Locks were placed outside the door instead of inside...we were trapped...locked in... Poor Karen...I felt sooo bad for her. She ended up removing the windows screen & jumped out the windows to get in & unlock the door! My brother Rick was the instigator in all of the unusual happenings.

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**Ger Ebert Cosgrove** - June 02 at 05:06 PM



“ Karen was a dear friend to my mom, Jan Hollencamp, who worked with her and who we also lost (back in 2019). My mom shared heartwarming stories about her friendship with Karen, and I remember her very well, too. She was always so kind to me, and somehow she could tell when something was wrong and she always said the right thing — not too much or too little, but just the right thing to make you feel better...like this too shall pass. She was funny and compassionate, and she loved her people, and her people's people. Like how my mom was her dear friend, so that meant she automatically loved me, too. Karen made so many people smile; she will be missed.

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**Cari McBurney** - June 01 at 08:30 PM

TK

“ I worked with Karen at Landolt Securities. She was not only a co-worker but a great friend. We had great talks about her brothers and parents, about how much she loved her time with them. We could talk for hours about the Cubs. She will truly be missed. My sympathy to her family. Terri Kellock



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**Terri Kellock** - May 26 at 11:24 AM

KB

“ I worked with Karen from 1980 to 2007 at First National Bank of Antioch. She was always helpful to her co-workers, and had a great sense of humor we all enjoyed. She spoke often of her parents and brothers. My sympathy to her family. Kenda Buxton

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**Kenda Buxton** - May 21 at 10:32 AM