



## Berta Nila Maley Dunham

January 28, 1930 - July 1, 2017

Berta Nila Maley Dunham (nee Jordan), 87, of Aurora passed peacefully from home into the arms of her Savior while surrounded by her family on Saturday, July 01, 2017. She was born January 28, 1930 in El Paso, TX and moved with her family to Aurora, IL at the age of 17. In Aurora, she raised her family and developed deep and lasting relationships. Those who met her were quickly captivated by her smile, personal curiosity, and engaging wit. She offered comfort, prayer, and often counseling with those who shared her company. Berta was an extraordinary pianist and shared her talent, entertaining friends and family. She also played the organ for Aurora Police softball tournaments to the delight of many. Berta had an unfaltering commitment to Hesed House and the Clothes Closet where she volunteered countless hours to assist those in need, enlisting all her family and friends in the effort. Berta was proud of her Mexican heritage and her time growing up in El Paso, TX. She often helped with translation and her fluency in Spanish allowed her to assist our city in many capacities. Berta was beautiful, charismatic, smart, talented and a treasure to those who knew her.

She is survived by her children Delia Basile (Peter Metrou), Michael Nila, Randy Nila, Ryan (Ursula) Maley, Lisa Mia Deufel, and B.J. Maley; her grandchildren Regina (Tom) Kazda, Dustin Heilmann, Jennifer (Tim) Theriault, Jaspar Nila, Todd Nila, Dulcinea (Patrick Benson) Basile, Jordan Maley, Katherine Maley, Rachel Maley, and Jessie Deufel; her great grandchildren

Camille, Collin, Ana, Martina, Ryan, Jazlyn, and James; her brother Alfredo (Chiqui) Jordan; her niece Marsha Jordan and her nephew Alfredo Manuel Jordan.

She was preceded in death by her daughter Alma Alicia Nila; her husband James B. Maley; her husband John C. Dunham; her parents Jesusita "Jessie" and Alfredo C. Jordan; and her brother Hector "Bobby" Jordan.

Funeral from THE DALEIDEN MORTUARY will be Monday, July 3, 2017 at 9:30am to Holy Angels Church at 10:00am. A concelebrated Mass will be offered by Fr. Godwin Asuquo and Fr. Jerome Leake with entombment at Mt. Olivet Cemetery. Visitation will be Sunday, July 2, 2017 from 3:00pm until 7:00pm at THE DALEIDEN MORTUARY, 220 N. Lake St., Aurora, 630-631-5500. Please visit our interactive website at [www.daleidenmortuary.com](http://www.daleidenmortuary.com) where you may leave condolences for Berta's family.

Memorial contributions may be made in Berta's memory to Hesed House, 659 River St., Aurora, IL 60506, The Aurora Police Foundation, and The Aurora Public Library Foundation.

# Cemetery Details

## Mt. Olivet Cemetery

278 Ashland Avenue  
Aurora, IL 60505

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 2. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Daleiden Mortuary  
220 N. Lake Street  
Aurora, IL 60506  
(630) 631-5500  
daleidenmortuary@gmail.com  
<https://www.daleidenmortuary.com>

## Funeral Mass

JUL 3. 10:00 AM (CT)

Holy Angels Church  
120 South Lancaster Avenue  
Aurora, IL 60506

# Tribute Wall



“ Daleiden Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Berta Nila Maley Dunham



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Daleiden Mortuary - July 01, 2017 at 03:57 PM

MN

“ This is my beloved late grandmother. She was the sweetest nicest person you could ever meet. Her family loves and misses her so much.

*We think about you everyday Gram and miss you during the holidays.*

*I love and miss you, I will see you soon!*

*mtn*

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Michael Nila - November 19, 2019 at 05:03 PM

JH

“ *Dee, Michael and family,*

*I was so sad to hear about the Berta's passing. Your mom was a force of nature and having grown up across the street, she had a tremendous influence on me. She had an infectious laugh (like your's Dee) and she was the embodiment of vitality and living life to the fullest. If ever I felt timid about doing something or taking a risk, your mom was always there to encourage me to step up and out and to embrace life. It has been a wonderful lesson and I'm grateful for her guidance and inspiration. My thoughts are with all of you.*

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**Jim Huberty** - July 19, 2017 at 06:41 PM

DA

“ *Berta captivated a room like no other and filled your heart with celebration. I only met her a few times, but she touched me deeply in those few encounters. She soars with the angels.*

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**davidji** - July 08, 2017 at 03:21 PM

RD

“ *To Michael and his family, our deepest sympathies for the loss of this great lady. Our hope is that you will find peace in the wonderful memories of her.*

*Rhonda and Ed Duffy  
Nashville, TN*



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**Rhonda and Ed Duffy** - July 05, 2017 at 06:23 PM

DW

“ *I am so Sorry for your loss. Please accept my deepest sympathy.*

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**Dennis Wiggins** - July 05, 2017 at 09:51 AM

MA

“ *Deepest sympathy to the family of Berta Nila Marley Dunham, my thoughts and prayers are with you. Michael Arnolts*

michael arnolts - July 03, 2017 at 05:30 PM

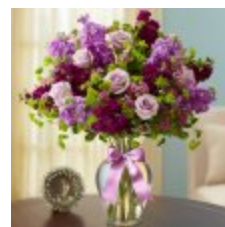
TA

“ *Our deepest sympathy, you are in our thoughts and prayers. Delores ( NILA ) Aguilar and sons.*

thomas aguilar - July 02, 2017 at 01:28 PM



“ *Shades of Purple was purchased for the family of Berta Nila Maley Dunham.*



July 02, 2017 at 12:40 PM

JP

“ *Javier and Diana Perez purchased the Red & White Standing Open Heart - Red Carnations - White Roses for the family of Berta Nila Maley Dunham.*



Javier and Diana Perez - July 02, 2017 at 12:27 PM

JP

“ *Berta was one of the most loving and giving people in our lives. Her influence is held in both of our hearts, forever. Javier and Diana Perez*

Javier Perez - July 02, 2017 at 11:15 AM



“ *Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Berta Nila Maley Dunham.*



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July 02, 2017 at 11:00 AM



“ *Cherished Memories - All White was purchased for the family of Berta Nila Maley Dunham.*



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July 02, 2017 at 08:53 AM



“ *Sheila ( Kellett) Berger purchased the Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers for the family of Berta Nila Maley Dunham.*



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**Sheila ( Kellett) Berger** - July 02, 2017 at 04:02 AM



“ *White Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Berta Nila Maley Dunham.*



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July 01, 2017 at 11:41 PM



“ *Sincerest Sorrow - All White* was purchased for the family of Berta Nila Maley Dunham.



July 01, 2017 at 10:02 PM



“ *Springtime Wishes* was purchased for the family of Berta Nila Maley Dunham.



July 01, 2017 at 09:40 PM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Basket* was purchased for the family of Berta Nila Maley Dunham.



July 01, 2017 at 06:25 PM



“ *Dee and Family,*  
*I am so sorry for your loss. It was a pleasure and honor to have met Berta and I am so happy she got to see all the wonderful things you all do for your community. She has a beautiful, loving and generous family and Berta will be missed. May your hearts find peace with time.*

*Diana Torres Hawken & Family*

**Diana Hawken** - July 01, 2017 at 05:08 PM



“ *Healing Tears - All White* was purchased for the family of Berta Nila Maley Dunham.

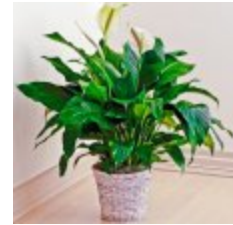


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July 01, 2017 at 03:31 PM



“ *Floor Plant for Sympathy* was purchased for the family of Berta Nila Maley Dunham.



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July 01, 2017 at 03:13 PM