



Delia "Dee" Nila Basile

April 10, 1950 - January 1, 2025

Our beloved Delia "Dee" Nila Basile now resides with the Lord. Dee passed peacefully on January 1, 2025 surrounded by family. Her final days were filled with friends, joy, music, prayer, and love. Dee was born on April 10, 1950 in Aurora, IL where she lived and served most of her life.

Dee was an energetic force spreading love, positivity and grace to all she encountered. Always positive, always high energy, always joyful with a big smile and bigger laugh – Dee brought many smiles to many people. Dee attended St. Nicholas grade school, Madonna High School and received her Bachelor of Arts degree from Northeastern Illinois University in 2011 at the age of 61.

Dee's early years were spent in the hospitality industry eventually leading to 18 years serving the City of Aurora in many capacities where she excelled as an ambassador of Aurora to all who lived or did business in the city. Dee also served on the board of The Aurora Public Library Foundation where she was a fierce advocate for the services, development, and growth of the library.

Dee was proud of her Mexican heritage and deeply immersed herself in Aurora's history from the Boxcar days, to the emergence of our Mexican community as an influential force and presence in a city she deeply loved. Dee would seize every moment to tell a story she was immensely proud of,

and a story in which Dee and her family played a major role. For over 20 years she was highly engaged with Fiesta Patrias, and founded Aurora's Annual Parade of Nations. In recognition of Dee's legacy, her dedication, contributions and leadership; the Aurora Hispanic Advisory Board annually awards the Delia Nila Basile Award for exemplary leadership to an Aurora resident, organization or business.

Dee is survived by her lifetime love and devoted partner, Peter Metrou; her children: Regina (Tom) Kazda, Dustin (Lexi) Heilmann, Jennifer (Tim) Theriault, Dulcinea (Patrick Benson) Basile; Nine grandchildren whom she adored: Camille Theriault, Colin Kazda, Anastasia Theriault, Martina Theriault, Ryan Kazda, James Theriault, Theodore Benson, Freddie Heilmann and Winston Benson. She is survived by her siblings: Michael Nila, Ryan Maley, Lisa Mia Maley and B.J. Maley.

Dee was preceded in death by: her parents Berta Maley Dunham, Joseph Nila, and James Maley as well as her siblings Alma and Randy Nila.

A visitation to celebrate Dee's life will be held on Sunday, January 5, 2025 from 2:00pm until 7:00pm at THE DALEIDEN MORTUARY, 220 N. Lake St., Aurora, 630-631-5500.

Funeral from THE DALEIDEN MORTUARY will be Monday, January 6, 2025 at 9:30am to Holy Angels Church at 10:00am. Entombment will follow at Mt. Olivet Cemetery. Please visit the website at www.daleidenmortuary.com where you may send condolences to Dee's family.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to either the Aurora Public Library Foundation and/or Hesed House of Aurora in her memory.

Cemetery Details

Mt. Olivet Cemetery

278 Ashland Avenue
Aurora, IL 60505

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 5. 2:00 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

JAN 6. 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 Delia "Dee" Nila Basile



Daleiden Mortuary - January 04, 2025 at 06:55 PM

SS

Such a wonderful lady sorry to learn she has gone.
Steve Stephens

Steve Stephens - January 27, 2025 at 10:09 PM

SA

Just heard and know that the angel on earth now has found her heavenly home! Went to high school with her and adored her love for all. The heavenly choir has hit a very high note.

Sue Carey Ayers - April 11, 2025 at 05:07 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Delia "Dee" Nila Basile.

January 07, 2025 at 06:05 PM

CF

“ Chisa Miller & family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Delia "Dee" Nila Basile.



Chisa Miller & family - January 05, 2025 at 09:59 PM

ΒΠ

“ Βασίλειος και Μαρία Παρασκει purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Delia "Dee" Nila Basile.



Βασίλειος και Μαρία Παρασκει - January 05, 2025 at 04:02 PM

ΒΠ

“ Βασίλειος και Μαρία Παρασκει planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Delia "Dee" Nila Basile.

Βασίλειος και Μαρία Παρασκει - January 05, 2025 at 04:02 PM

JF

“ Jan F. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Delia "Dee" Nila Basile.

Jan F. - January 05, 2025 at 11:22 AM



“ 50 files added to the album Life Tributes



Daleiden Mortuary - January 04, 2025 at 01:45 PM



“ Ms Martinez Ms Perez Mr Urbina Ms Vargas purchased the Joyful Memory for the family of Delia "Dee" Nila Basile.



Ms Martinez Ms Perez Mr Urbina Ms Vargas - January 04, 2025 at 12:09 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Delia "Dee" Nila Basile.



January 04, 2025 at 11:40 AM

MF

“ My friend Delia, from way back at Madonna in orchestra and our little "combo band" to watching our saxophone-playing nephews in Mr Thurlow's bands. You're singing, dancing and playing your trumpet with the angels now, and they are in for a real treat!



Mary F - January 04, 2025 at 10:45 AM

DE

“ Donna Jolly & Steven Evans planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Delia "Dee" Nila Basile.

Donna Jolly & Steven Evans - January 04, 2025 at 10:22 AM

DE

“ Donna Jolly & Steven Evans purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Delia "Dee" Nila Basile.



Donna Jolly & Steven Evans - January 04, 2025 at 10:22 AM

FP

“ I will always remember her spirit, generosity and passion for life. Thank you Dee! It was a pleasure to coincide.



Fermina Ponce - January 04, 2025 at 08:36 AM

LC

“ Love Kristy and Curt purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Delia "Dee" Nila Basile.



Love Kristy and Curt - January 03, 2025 at 10:33 PM

LC

“ Love Kristy and Curt planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Delia "Dee" Nila Basile.

Love Kristy and Curt - January 03, 2025 at 10:33 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Delia "Dee" Nila Basile.



January 03, 2025 at 08:51 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Delia "Dee" Nila Basile.

January 03, 2025 at 08:51 PM



“ Beautiful inside and out. So many benefited from her generosity. A true Aurora Icon. May her family treasure the memories and carry on her legacy.



Anonymous - January 03, 2025 at 03:19 PM



“ In our lives sometimes we get to meet people through their siblings; I was Honored to be introduced today to Delia's "life of Caring and Purpose" from my brotherhood of policing with her brother Micheal. I have come to know what a humanitarian Delia was to the community of Aurora. She was not only a loving wife, mother, grandmother, daughter and sister to a loving family but someone who adopted her community beyond the home she lived in. I offer my deepest condolences to the Basile and Nila family.
"Viva El Corazon de Delia"

Daniel V. Garcia & Family

Daniel V. Garcia - January 03, 2025 at 12:21 PM

JF

“ Jun & Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Delia "Dee" Nila Basile.

Jun & Family - January 03, 2025 at 11:13 AM

JF

“ Jun & Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Delia "Dee" Nila Basile.



Jun & Family - January 03, 2025 at 11:13 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Delia "Dee" Nila Basile.

January 03, 2025 at 10:48 AM



“ Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Delia "Dee" Nila Basile.



January 03, 2025 at 10:48 AM

AJ

“ Abby and Joe Juettner purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Delia "Dee" Nila Basile.



Abby and Joe Juettner - January 03, 2025 at 10:06 AM

LV

“ Lambrini V. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Delia "Dee" Nila Basile.

Lambrini V. - January 03, 2025 at 12:53 AM

CM

“ What a lively character she was. Not a mean bone in her body and so artistically gifted. No one was more kind and giving than our Dee.

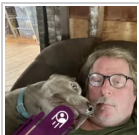
Charlene Munn - January 02, 2025 at 11:09 PM



“ A Full Life was purchased for the family of Delia "Dee" Nila Basile.



January 02, 2025 at 07:07 PM



“ She will be missed by many. My condolences to her family. God bless you.
Edward Larson

Edward Larson - January 02, 2025 at 05:35 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Delia "Dee" Nila Basile.*



January 02, 2025 at 01:57 PM



“ *Our lives will never be the same Sis, your smile your touch will be missed dearly. Rest in peace sweet sister. Sending prayers for your family*

Marti Wallace - January 02, 2025 at 12:57 PM



“ *Wonderful Lady always there to help anybody I will miss her dearly. My friend RIP*

Leticia Ruiz - January 02, 2025 at 12:53 PM



“ *Jack Morris & Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Delia "Dee" Nila Basile.*

Jack Morris & Family - January 02, 2025 at 11:23 AM



“ *Jack Morris & Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Delia "Dee" Nila Basile.*



Jack Morris & Family - January 02, 2025 at 11:23 AM

M&

“ Mark &. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Delia "Dee" Nila Basile.

Mark &. - January 02, 2025 at 11:20 AM

MC

“ Delia was filled with Light and Joyfulness. Whenever we crossed paths she beamed a huge smile you could see a mile away. Her hugs were filled with joy and laughter. Delia will live on in our memories and stories told.

Mark & Christie - January 02, 2025 at 11:14 AM

EH

“ Dee, such a beautiful woman. Lite up the room with her warmth & smile. Deepest condolences to her family. Memory Eternal 🙏

Eleni Hountalas - January 02, 2025 at 10:41 AM

RC

“ Rest in love and peace, Sweetie.

Rena Church - January 02, 2025 at 10:33 AM

DH

“ Dee Hakala planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Delia "Dee" Nila Basile.

Dee Hakala - January 02, 2025 at 10:21 AM

DH

“ *Dee Hakala purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Delia "Dee" Nila Basile.*



Dee Hakala - January 02, 2025 at 10:21 AM

NF

“ *Nick Metrou Family. purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Delia "Dee" Nila Basile.*



Nick Metrou Family. - January 02, 2025 at 10:12 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Delia "Dee" Nila Basile.*



January 02, 2025 at 09:52 AM

LG

“ *Our deepest condolences! Our thoughts are with Dee's family and loved ones.
Gerantonis family*

Loukas Gerantonis - January 02, 2025 at 08:45 AM

LG

“ Loukas G. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Delia "Dee" Nila Basile.

Loukas G. - January 02, 2025 at 08:42 AM

SG

“ Dee was such an amazing soul. Every time I seen her, she had such a bright and warm smile on her face that I couldn't help but smile in her presence. Her kindness and her passion for life will truly be missed. My condolences to Dee's family, friends, and all those who will be missing her warmth and grace from their lives.

Sebastian Gomez - January 02, 2025 at 01:09 AM

BH

“ Briana and Chris Huang planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Delia "Dee" Nila Basile.

Briana and Chris Huang - January 01, 2025 at 10:41 PM

BH

“ Briana and Chris Huang purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Delia "Dee" Nila Basile.



Briana and Chris Huang - January 01, 2025 at 10:41 PM

KP

“ Kim & Taylor Pickering purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Delia "Dee" Nila Basile.



Kim & Taylor Pickering - January 01, 2025 at 07:41 PM

KP

“ Kim & Taylor Pickering planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Delia "Dee" Nila Basile.

Kim & Taylor Pickering - January 01, 2025 at 07:41 PM

SA

“ I was lucky enough to meet Dee a few times and she lit up the room and made everyone feel like they'd known her forever! She is gone too soon but I'm beyond grateful for the memories we made together!



Sarah - January 01, 2025 at 07:08 PM