



## Karen R. Espinosa

June 24, 1938 - June 16, 2024

Karen R. Espinosa, 85, of Aurora, IL passed away June 16, 2024, leaving a void that cannot be filled. She was born in Forestville, PA in 1938. At age 18, Karen moved to Kansas City, MO to attend flight lab training at Braniff Airlines. Karen met her husband Al while both were working at the airport. Later they moved to Aurora for Al's job with the FAA while Karen worked in a hospital as a medical biller.

Karen was a devoted and caring mother who enjoyed painting, gardening, helping others, and outings to the casino where she visited with friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents Charles and Mildred Halasy; dear husband Albert; infant daughter Shelley K.; and sister Donnie Hammerlee.

Survivors include her son Chris, daughter-in-law Joann, and grandson Andrew; daughter Stacey K.; sisters Vonnie Hoffman and Susan Pankus; sister-in-laws Lari Johnson, Marie Hamilton, and Luisa Hovel; and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral Mass will be Friday, June 21, 2024 from THE DALEIDEN MORTUARY at 11:30am to Holy Angels Church at 12:00pm. Fr. Michael Lavan will officiate. Burial will be private.

Visitation will be Friday morning, June 21, 2024 from 10:00am until 11:30am at THE DALEIDEN MORTUARY, 220 N. Lake St., Aurora, 630-631-5500.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to AID (Association for Individual Development) in memory of Karen Espinosa at <https://www.aidcares.org/> Karen's daughter Stacey resides in one of their community living sites.

# Cemetery Details

**Private**

## Previous Events

### Visitation

JUN **21**. 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

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

### Funeral Mass

JUN **21**. 12:00 PM (CT)

Holy Angels Church  
120 South Lancaster Avenue  
Aurora, IL 60506

# Tribute Wall



“ Daleiden Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Karen R. Espinosa



Daleiden Mortuary - June 20, 2024 at 02:57 PM

SP

*Karen was my sister whom I was very close too being she was only a year older and we shared so many good times together. She Will be missed immensely as we usually had many long conversations every day and mostly always laughing from her humorous personality. You will continually be with me in spirit forever. Love you, Susan*

Susan Pankus - June 21, 2024 at 12:59 PM

LS

*So sorry to hear my dear friend has passed away. Glad to have known her. We had a lot of good playing cards and talking on skype together. Will miss you very much.*

Linda Schiller - June 22, 2024 at 09:12 PM

RR

*This news was devastating to me. I will miss Karen so muxh. Her sense of humor and kind spirit was si special. Losing a good friend of probsbly 60 years is hard. I know she has joined her beloved Al in Heaven. Her phone calls and enails and friendship will be missed*

Ruth Roisum - July 03, 2024 at 09:07 AM

MN

“ Mark Negrete <negretemark@gmail.com>  
11:27 AM (0 minutes ago)  
to me

*Thinking about you today, Karen Espinosa, as the family bids farewell to you up there in Chicago. I remember the first time I met you at my Grandma's house in Kansas City. You were very funny and you made me laugh and then you pulled out some oil pastels and a sketchbook and showed me how to create oil pastel paintings. You quickly painted a landscape. I wonder did that have any effect on me? (Just kidding) I also remember she would tease me about The Beatles. I loved them and she would act like she didn't. Years later she told me she always thought they were amazing and she loved them too. In more recent times we would joke back and forth on Facebook or on the phone And she would always compliment my photographs of landscapes and sunrises. They had a very special spiritual meaning for her. We were all blessed to know her. Farewell aunt Karen, Your work here is done. We will huddle around your children and take care of them as best we can. Now you're reunited with my uncle Albert in heaven. Much love to you and please look down and see how we are doing, once in a while. ❤️🙏*  
Mark Negrete

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Mark Negrete - June 21, 2024 at 01:36 PM

LH

“ Karen was a very caring person. She loved all her family and that included all of the Espinosa family. She was a good friend to me and my sisters Marie and Lari. One of my fondest memories is of us all meeting in in New Mexico where she, and my brother Al, would take us to see all of the sites. It was wonderful to be together. I will miss her but I will always have her in my heart and my memories. Prayers for you, Karen Espinosa,  
Love, Mary Louise Hovel, Negrete, Espinosa

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**Luisa Hovel** - June 21, 2024 at 12:56 PM

ME

“ The Espinosa Family: Larry, Diana, Mike, Charlie and Rita made a donation to The Association for Individual Development in memory of Our aunt Karen. Our prayers and thoughts are with the family at this time.

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**Mike Espinosa** - June 21, 2024 at 10:34 AM

KS

“ I'm very sorry to hear the passing of Karen. I use to live next door to the Espinosa's back in the late 60's early 70's. The whole family very kind people. Thoughts and prayers to the family!

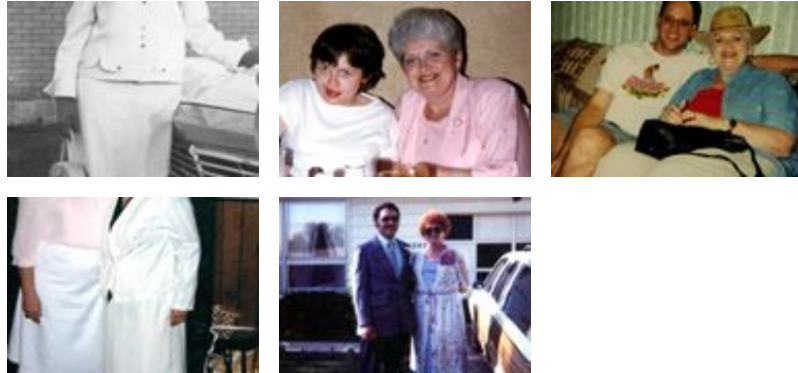
*Kelly J. Smithey*

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**Kelly J Smithey** - June 21, 2024 at 09:55 AM



“ 49 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



**Daleiden Mortuary** - June 20, 2024 at 10:54 AM

DL

“ *Daniel Lawrence purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Karen R. Espinosa.*



**Daniel Lawrence** - June 18, 2024 at 12:58 PM

NF

“ *Negrete Family purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Karen R. Espinosa.*



**Negrete Family** - June 18, 2024 at 09:59 AM

NF

“ Negrete Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Karen R. Espinosa.

Negrete Family - June 18, 2024 at 09:59 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Karen R. Espinosa.



June 18, 2024 at 07:33 AM

FF

“ From Jeff and Araceli Gibson and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Karen R. Espinosa.

From Jeff and Araceli Gibson and family - June 18, 2024 at 07:33 AM

MH

“ Mr. & Mrs. Bradley & Geneil Hammerlee purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Karen R. Espinosa.



Mr. & Mrs. Bradley & Geneil Hammerlee - June 17, 2024 at 05:28 PM

MH

“ *Mr. & Mrs. Bradley & Geneil Hammerlee planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Karen R. Espinosa.*

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**Mr. & Mrs. Bradley & Geneil Hammerlee** - June 17, 2024 at 05:28 PM