



Karen M. Duling

January 18, 1956 - September 13, 2025

Karen M. (Hering) Duling, 69, of Monrovia, left this world unexpectedly on Saturday, September 13, 2025, while in the Emergency Department in St Francis, Mooresville, and surrounded by her loving family. She was born on January 18, 1956, in Washington D.C. to the late Eugene John and Jane Alice (Haussin) Hering.

One of three children and the only girl, the family grew up in Plainfield. Raised strictly Catholic, Karen attended St. Susanna as a child, and later proudly graduated from Cardinal Ritter with the class of 1974. Introduced to the man she would fall deeply in love with on a double date with friends right out of high school, she was joyously united in marriage to Bob Duling on October 5, 1974, at the Plainfield Christian Church. The perfectly paired newlyweds began their journey, bringing three wonderful daughters into the world and settled in the quiet small-town life of Monrovia in 1978. Karen devoted 27 years working at Marsh as a cashier, along with working at the old Crystal Flash in Mooresville.

A tight knit group who submersed themselves in nature, Karen and her crew found solace in camping at several local state parks, including Patoka Lake, Cataract, Racoon Lake, and even survived a tornado at the Mississinewa Campground. They spent the summers fishing, frog gigging, and mushroom hunting. Every May, Karen, her mom, and oldest daughter rented a cabin at

McCormick's Creek picking wildflowers, and bird watching. She especially loved hummingbirds! While the three of them assumed it was their time together, it never failed that the rest of the family would come to join them for a few days.

The best thing that ever happened to Bob, the two were soulmates from the beginning, never losing sight of the deep connection between them. Karen was an outstanding mother who was caring, supportive, loved unconditionally, and forgiving by nature. Known to be spunky and goofy at times, her memory will live on in the hearts of all who were blessed to know and love her.

Along with her parents, Karen was preceded in death by her brother, Mark Hering.

She leaves behind her husband of 50 years, James Robert "Bob" Duling of Monrovia; daughters, Amy Clark (Chad) of Monrovia, Teri Duling (Carl Schlueter) of Indianapolis, and Kristie Polson (David) of Plainfield; brother, Jimmy Hering (Kelly) of Plainfield; grandchildren, Austin Clark (Emili McGuyre) of Monrovia, Katie Clark of Monrovia, TJ Clark of Monrovia, Jaclyn Brenneman (Jake) of Indianapolis, Madlyn Perry (Kevin Leon) of Indianapolis, Brennan Polson of Plainfield, and Bradey Polson of Plainfield; and great grandson, Rocky.

Funeral and Cremation Arrangements have been entrusted to Light Memorial & Funeral Chapel in Monrovia. Visitation will be held on Thursday, September 18, 2025, from 5:00pm until a Celebration of Life Service that will start promptly at 7:00pm, Pastor Steve Ranson will officiate, and cremation will follow services. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Muscular Dystrophy Association by clicking <https://www.mda.org/> or by mail to the Muscular Dystrophy Association, Inc., P.O. Box 7410354, Chicago, Illinois 606074-0354. Karen will be inurned at Maple Hill Cemetery in the future. To

share a favorite story, send an online condolence to the family, or light a candle in her memory, please visit her tribute page at www.lightmemorial.com.

Cemetery Details

Maple Hill Cemetery

709 Harding Street
Plainfield , IN 46168
<https://www.google.com/search?q=maple%20hill%20cemetery&tbm=>

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 18. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Light Memorial & Funeral Chapel
585 East Main Street
Monrovia, IN 46157
(317) 996-2101
<https://www.lightmemorial.com>

Celebration of Life Service

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Tribute Wall

KP

“ My mother was the most amazing woman. So selfless. She would do absolutely anything for anyone. She was hilarious and not to brag she did like to talk to me because she said I always made her laugh. She was always there and when she couldn't she always called. I've been waiting for that call but I realize its not coming anytime soon. I can't wait to see her again. Thank you to Light Memorial for making her shine and be the beautiful woman we knew her to be.



Kristie Polson - September 19, 2025 at 08:50 PM

SC

“ Loving mother, daughter,sister,friend, Precious . Karen, I know you are with your mom, Lord blessed us while you were here, so many memories . Loved you we will miss you Rip Karen



sandra Arleen Chitwood - September 19, 2025 at 09:32 AM



“ It was always a good time visiting my aunt Karen, grandma Jane and Amy while they were staying at McCormicks creek. We would do short hikes, look out for mushrooms and I would learn all about the wildlife that they enjoyed, like flowers and birds. I loved how excited Karen would get when we saw a hummingbird hanging around! Once I had my son, Karen and I talked about her raising her family and hearing those memories were very enjoyable along with her letting me in on all her tips & tricks to motherhood. I'll cherish our talks and memories forever.

Megan Hering - September 18, 2025 at 02:46 PM

KP

Beautifully written she loved you so much

Kristie Polson - September 19, 2025 at 08:57 PM

MI

“ *Motion Industry IN59 purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Karen M. Duling.*



Motion Industry IN59 - September 18, 2025 at 02:45 PM

AR

“ *Angela R lit a candle in memory of Karen M. Duling*



Angela R - September 17, 2025 at 08:28 PM

JH

“ *My sister always was there cooking what we brought home from the woods or the Indiana waters. She would sauté deer loins while we butchered the deer and make the best deer stew the next day. She would cook the frog legs fresh after Bob and I skinned and cleaned them at 3am so we could enjoy them fresh. And all the bluegill I had to clean while her daughters slept (always pissed me off) that they caught too. But those meals brought a family together! It was a wonderful childhood with a sister like Karen. Such a loving soul. I will miss you Sis! The wildflowers won't be as beautiful as I walk the woods and the birds songs won't be as sweet without you to share them with. Fly away from the struggles of earth and join are ancestors in the heavens where they celebrate your beautiful life!*

Jimmy Hering - September 17, 2025 at 07:47 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage* was purchased for the family of Karen M. Duling.



September 17, 2025 at 03:38 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Karen M. Duling.



September 17, 2025 at 03:34 PM



“ 116 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Light Memorial & Funeral Chapel - September 17, 2025 at 11:37 AM

BF

“ Ballard and Chitwood Families purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Karen M. Duling.



Ballard and Chitwood Families - September 17, 2025 at 11:07 AM

LS

“ Love Salina purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Karen M. Duling.



Love Salina - September 16, 2025 at 04:57 PM

YF

“ Your Nigh family purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Karen M. Duling.



Your Nigh family - September 16, 2025 at 01:35 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Karen M. Duling.



September 16, 2025 at 11:26 AM

DR

“ Bobby and Karen, together forever. My mom
Worked with Karen for 25 years at Marsh and always enjoyed her.
My heart goes out to all of you.

Donna Ray - September 16, 2025 at 11:16 AM

KD

Thank you Donna. I hope to see you. I love you friend

Kristie D - September 17, 2025 at 11:00 PM

RB

“ Thinking of you, Jimmy, Bob, Amy, Teri and Kristie. Sorry to hear
you've lost a very special sister, wife and mom. Lots of good
childhood memories of Easters spent together with Nanny, Poppy
and Jane who, along with Gene and Mark, I'm sure welcomed
Karen home with open arms. Prayers to you all and the rest of the
family.

Regina Butler - September 16, 2025 at 09:00 AM

KG

“ I have known Karen my entire life, she and my sister are best
friends and memories flow freely of the two of them giggling and
carrying on only to have them turn and holler at me to go away. My
heart breaks at the loss of this very special woman, I remember the
young schoolgirl, the bride, the new mom, and then a grandma. Her
light and fun personality will live on in the years to come.
R.I.P. I love you
Karen (Surber) Garland {Lev Garland}

Karen (Surber) Garland - September 15, 2025 at 09:23 PM

TI

“ Thomas Ingram lit a candle in memory of Karen M. Duling



Thomas Ingram - September 15, 2025 at 07:15 PM

TC

“ The Chiusanos purchased the Simply Elegant Sp athiphyllum for the family of Karen M. Duling.



The Chiusanos - September 15, 2025 at 07:05 PM