



## Amber A. Thiel

August 6, 1957 - November 28, 2025

Our hearts are broken to announce the unexpected passing of Amber A. Thiel. She was the beloved mother of Janice (Brian) Anderson and the late Joseph Robert Wells. Devoted grandmother of Brooke Anderson, Alexis Anderson, Brittany Wells, Damien Hartke and Alex Wheeler. Dear sister of Gloria (George) Radcliffe, Naomi (late Lewis) Thompson, Steve (Maria) Chmelovsky and Robert (Carey) Chmelovsky. Amber shared 23 years with her partner Audrius "Odie" Baitaragis. Fond cousin to Dennis, Richie, Ronnie and the late Ray. She will be remembered fondly by her many nieces and nephews. Amber was preceded in death by her mother, Charlotte Oleski. Amber was a strong willed, hard working woman who sacrificed much to provide for her children. Nothing meant more to her than her children and grandchildren, the love lessons she provided them will be with them forever. Visitation is Wednesday, December 3, 2025 from 4 PM to 8 PM at Foran Funeral Home, 7300 W. Archer Ave. (55th street just west of Harlem). Visitation on Thursday from 9 AM until time of a Service in Celebration of Amber's life at 11 AM. Per her wishes, Amber will be cremated and then buried with her son at a later date.

# Cemetery Details

## Resurrection Cemetery

7200 S. Archer Road  
Justice, IL 60458

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 3. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Foran Funeral Home - Summit  
7300 West Archer Ave  
Summit, IL 60501  
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## Celebration of Life Service

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# Tribute Wall



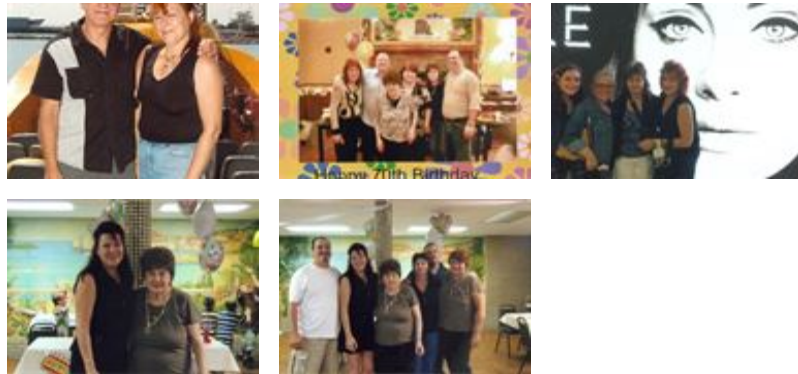
“ *Foran Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Amber A. Thiel*



**Foran Funeral Home** - December 03, 2025 at 02:19 PM



“ *93 files added to the album Life Tributes*



**Foran Funeral Home** - December 03, 2025 at 01:26 PM

SB

“ *Sue Baltaragis purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Amber A. Thiel.*



**Sue Baltaragis** - December 02, 2025 at 07:10 PM

ZG

“ Zofia and Albert G. purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Amber A. Thiel.



Zofia and Albert G. - December 02, 2025 at 11:30 AM



“ 141 files added to the album LifeTributes



Foran Funeral Home - December 02, 2025 at 10:58 AM

TT

“ The family of Rubel Turnbow purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Amber A. Thiel.



The family of Rubel Turnbow - December 02, 2025 at 09:05 AM

Jl

“ Joann, Peggy and all from Mike Bell, Inc purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Amber A. Thiel.



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**Joann, Peggy and all from Mike Bell, Inc** - December 01, 2025  
at 06:13 PM

JW

“ I am SO saddened by Amber's passing!  
In all of my many years of working with Amber, at Mike Bell, Inc., she was the most kind, thoughtful, capable, and honest friend and co-worker that a person could ever possibly be. After the business closed, I was happy to continue our friendship with calls and visits when I was in Chicagoland. I felt for her as her health was failing and know that leaving Odie and family behind was the last thing she'd ever want to do.  
Be blessed with God, dear friend, and someday I'll hope that I've done enough good to see you in heaven.  
Joann Westwater

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**Joann Westwater** - December 01, 2025 at 05:44 PM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Amber A. Thiel.



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December 01, 2025 at 12:39 PM

MV

“ *Michelle Vaitkus purchased the Guiding Light Bouquet for the family of Amber A. Thiel.*



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**Michelle Vaitkus** - November 30, 2025 at 12:56 PM



“ I’m so thankful that I came up from TN for her birthday this year, she had no clue, I had the florist put a big wrapping around her gift so I could hide behind it when I showed up. The look on her face was priceless, we got to spend the next 2 days just catching up and enjoying our time together. I miss the times of having coffee with her nearly daily, I moved to TN when my husband passed last year. She would send me some awesome videos, sayings etc to just make me smile. I have countless pictures of her and I from over the years as we would go out for lunch regularly until she couldn’t anymore, and then I would get our favorite sandwich (Rueben) from X’s & O’s on 79th.

I could probably write a book on the great times we had, she was so loving and caring, she always got me something special for Christmas something I looked forward to every year as it always had a special meaning and she knew I rarely got gifts. Amber, you will always be in my heart forever as you would always tell me how my Tommy would always be there when he went to his eternal home. Say hi to him for me and fly high my precious beautiful friend, you are so loved by many. Someday, I know I will see you again, have the coffee ready girl. Love you so much.  
Michelle (Chelle) Vaitkus and Lulu too.



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**Michelle Vaitkus** - November 30, 2025 at 12:36 PM



TF

“ *Trevino Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Amber A. Thiel.*



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**Trevino Family** - November 29, 2025 at 05:46 PM

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“ *Trevino Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Amber A. Thiel.*

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**Trevino Family** - November 29, 2025 at 05:46 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Amber A. Thiel.*



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November 28, 2025 at 09:40 PM