



## Karen Lee Gricus

March 10, 1948 - September 22, 2019

Karen Lee Gricus, nee Dougherty. Retired Vice President of Nursing at Oak Park Hospital and C.O.O. of Chicago Reach. Beloved Wife of Robert ( Retired C.P.D.) Gricus. Loving Mother of Jeffery ( Jacki) Gricus, John C.F.D. ( Natalie) Gricus and Jennifer ( Neil C.P.D.) Evans. Proud Grandmother of Johnny, Molly, Jack, John Michael, Bobby, Jory and Danny. Dear Sister of Kathleen ( Donald) Nolek and Deborah ( George) Dominiak. Fond Aunt to many nieces and nephews. Karen will be missed by her many friends and co-workers. Visitation is Wednesday, September 25, 2019 from 3PM to 9 PM at Foran Funeral Home, 7300 West Archer Ave. (55th st just west of Harlem). Visitation will be on Thursday from 8:30 AM until time of prayers 10 AM at the funeral home and then proceeding to St. Symphorosa Church for a 10:30 AM Mass of Resurrection.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **25.** 3:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

Foran Funeral Home - Summit  
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## Visitation

SEP **26.** 8:30 AM (CT)

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## Prayers

SEP **26.** 10:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Foran Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Karen Lee Gricus*



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**Foran Funeral Home** - September 25, 2019 at 04:07 PM

ST

“ *I just learned of Karen's passing. She was my boss at Chicago REACH. She was delightful to work with. My deepest condolences to her loved ones.*

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**Stephanie** - August 12, 2025 at 09:53 PM

GG

“ *Karen and I had many fun times during our 7-8th grade summers. We also went to Kelly High School together. I lost touch after high school and was delighted to see that Karen went on to be an accomplished nurse and have a beautiful family. My sincere condolences to Bob, her children, and grandchildren.*  
*Gerri Gora Garvey*  
*Lewes, DE*

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**Gerri Garvey** - November 19, 2019 at 10:08 PM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Karen Lee Gricus.



September 28, 2019 at 09:28 AM



“ So very sorry for your loss Bob. Prayers for you and your loved ones.

Louis Caesar - September 27, 2019 at 03:14 PM



“ So sorry for your loss... Just heard about it today. Prayers to you and your family. Paul Lauer and family.

Paul Lauer - September 27, 2019 at 12:57 PM



“ Bob and family, So sorry for your loss. Dennis and Kathy Murdock



Dennis murdock - September 26, 2019 at 10:21 AM



“ So sorry for the loss of a funny, caring person. Fond memories are of St. Anthony days .

Rita Hopkins nee Havens - September 25, 2019 at 06:43 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Karen Lee Gricus.*



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September 25, 2019 at 03:12 PM



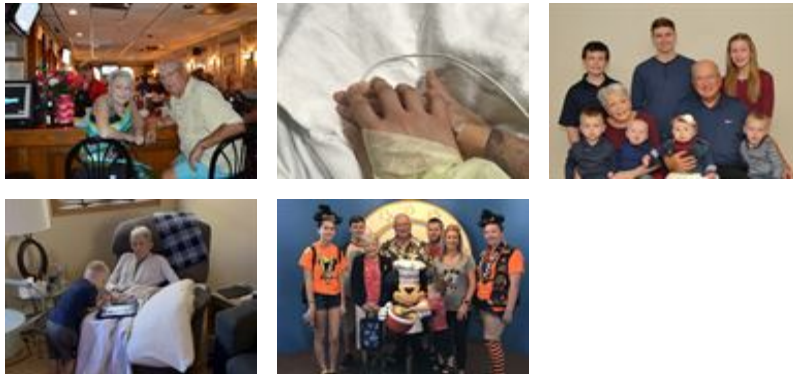
“ *We will miss Karen very much. We will always remember the card games we had. All we did was eat and laugh, laugh, laugh. Many New Years Eve's spent with Bob & Karen, Chris & Ed Ukleja, Good times, good memories. You will never be forgotten.*  
*Rich & Louise Jurasek*

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**Rich Jurasek** - September 25, 2019 at 02:38 PM



“ *145 files added to the album LifeTributes*



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**Foran Funeral Home** - September 25, 2019 at 02:12 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Karen Lee Gricus.*



September 25, 2019 at 11:52 AM



“ *A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Karen Lee Gricus.*



September 24, 2019 at 10:00 PM



“ *My condolences to Bob and his family*

**Jack Nolan** - September 24, 2019 at 06:54 PM



“ *John Leong purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Karen Lee Gricus.*



**John Leong** - September 24, 2019 at 06:34 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Karen Lee Gricus.*



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September 24, 2019 at 04:45 PM



“ *Karen was one of our big sisters at St Anthony School of Nursing. We were the last class before the school closed. Karen took us under her wing and taught us the rules both good and bad. She had such an outgoing personality a great smile and laugh. I will always remember those days at school. I enjoyed being with her at the Alumni luncheons and so glad I-got to see her at her home this past April, not noting that would be goodbye for the last time. She will always be in my memory. Helen Janiak class of 1970.*

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**Helen Janiak** - September 24, 2019 at 04:11 PM



“ *Jeff, my sincere condolences to you and your family.*

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**John Balla** - September 24, 2019 at 10:28 AM



“ *Karen! Those who knew her loved and appreciated her. She was an amazing woman, wife, mother and friend. She will be truly missed.*

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**Jim and Diane** - September 24, 2019 at 10:25 AM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Karen Lee Gricus.*



September 24, 2019 at 09:50 AM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Karen Lee Gricus.*



September 23, 2019 at 11:51 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Karen Lee Gricus.*



September 23, 2019 at 09:33 PM



“ *My sincere sympathy to the Gricus Family. Karen was such a wonderful person and loved you all so much! She was always so loving and welcoming to my daughter, Jillian Koepke Pantano. She became a friend of mine. She will be missed so much by so many.*

**Joan Walski** - September 23, 2019 at 06:16 PM

TC

“ Bob, so sorry to hear of your wife’s passing. May she rest in the arms of our Heavenly Father. Tony Caruso - Retired CPD 009th District

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**Tony Caruso** - September 23, 2019 at 05:12 PM

MP

“ Michael & Debbie Piet purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Karen Lee Gricus.



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**Michael & Debbie Piet** - September 23, 2019 at 05:09 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Karen Lee Gricus.



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September 23, 2019 at 04:51 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Karen Lee Gricus.



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September 23, 2019 at 03:31 PM

RT

“ Risa Dankwerth and Sharon Tinsley purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Karen Lee Gricus.



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**Risa Dankwerth and Sharon Tinsley** - September 23, 2019 at 11:43 AM

SH

“ Karen possessed a smile and a personality that quickly and easily drew others to her. For that and many other reasons she was a shining star in our St. Pancratius class and for many others beyond that time. Because she was extraordinary, she will be all the more missed. But that shining star cannot be extinguished. She lives on in the love she shared with Bob, in the family they created and in the many friends and relatives she positively impacted.

*Steve Haraf*

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**Steve Haraf** - September 23, 2019 at 11:17 AM

 Shicole Presley

“ Karen was boss at chicago reach for 8yrs my prayers are with the family

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**Shicole Presley** - September 23, 2019 at 09:45 AM

MD

“ My condolences Karen was my boss at Chicago Reach enjoyed working with her we had a lot of fun



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**melody davis** - September 23, 2019 at 09:39 AM



“ *I met Karen when I enrolled my dad in the program at Chicago Reach After his passing I worked as a C.N.A at reach Karen used to call me junny. Rest In Heaven Karen My Condolences to the family*

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**June Heard** - September 23, 2019 at 09:21 AM



“ *Shicole Presley lit a candle in memory of Karen Lee Gricus*



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**Shicole Presley** - September 23, 2019 at 09:12 AM



“ *Karen was my boss at chicago reach my prayers goes out to the family.*

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**Shicole Presley** - September 23, 2019 at 09:11 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Karen Lee Gricus.*



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September 22, 2019 at 08:16 PM

SD

“ My name is Susan Dziobas and I was one year behind Karen at St. Anthony's. She welcomed us with open arms and always was so much fun and so upbeat. I will always remember and cherish my years at St. Anthony's and Karen was a big part of that. It's way too early for Karen to leave us but I guess God has other plans for her up in heaven. She will be sorely missed at our reunions. Rest In Peace Karen.

Susan Dziobas - September 22, 2019 at 07:46 PM

TU

“ I would run into Karen on the "L". She was going to Nursing School at St Anthony Hospital and I was going to U of I Chicago for college. We had great chats about Life in Brighton Park. I really felt she was just happy to see a person from St. Pancratius. She was always very positive. She always made me feel special because of those chance meetings on the "L" platform or train.

Ted Ukleja

Ted Ukleja - September 22, 2019 at 07:03 PM

AG

“ Aunt Jo Gricus, Jim and Carol Gricus purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Karen Lee Gricus.



Aunt Jo Gricus, Jim and Carol Gricus - September 22, 2019 at 03:33 PM