



## Audrey M. Nitsche

December 16, 1942 - August 30, 2025

Audrey Marie Nitsche, 82, passed away on Saturday, August 30, 2025, in Wheeling, IL. She was born on December 16, 1942, to the late Arthur and Elizabeth (nee Costa) Johnson, in Chicago and was a former 18-year resident of Green Oaks, IL. Preceded in death by her son, Michael Nitsche in 1991 and by her sister, Barbara. She is survived by a son, Brian (Kerry), two grandchildren, nieces, and cousins. Audrey was a former employee at Kmart until its business closing and was then a dedicated volunteer at Marytown in Libertyville, IL.

Visitation will be from 8:30 a.m. until time of prayers at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, September 6, 2025, at Burnett-Dane Funeral Home, 120 W. Park Ave. (Rt. 176, one block west of Milwaukee Ave.) in Libertyville. Funeral mass follows, 10:00 a.m. at St. Joseph Church, 121 E. Maple Ave. in Libertyville. In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made by The Anti-Cruelty Society of Chicago, [www.anticruelty.org](http://www.anticruelty.org). For info: 847-362-3009 or share a memory at [www.burnettdane.com](http://www.burnettdane.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 6. 8:30 AM - 9:30 AM (CT)

Burnett-Dane Funeral Home  
120 West Park Avenue  
Libertyville, IL 60048  
(847) 362-3009

## Funeral Mass

SEP 6. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Joseph Catholic Church  
121 E. Maple Avenue  
Libertyville, IL 60048

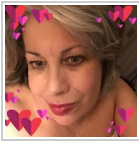
# Tribute Wall

MF

“ *Marty & Laura Furlan lit a candle in memory of Audrey M. Nitsche*



Marty & Laura Furlan - September 05, 2025 at 10:28 PM



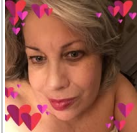
“ *I loved Audrey and I remember her bring the boys over to my mom's ( her sister Barbara) house. I was a few years older than then and enjoyed playing games and having fun. Audrey bought bike I won for writing a letter to Santa Claus and gave it to Michael ( I had out grown out of it and my mom had an antique shop Audrey came to visit there too). She was very glamorous as a young woman with gorgeous high cheekbones. My mom told me she play with a little girl named Diane as a child. They grew up in Old Town in a wonderful area with Lincoln Park Zoo practically across the Street. Her father drove a cable car and later became a sought after cab driver. She and Antone served at my Baptism and became my God parents. Her mother Elizabeth was nicknamed 'Tiny' and my mom said I reminded her of her. They shared the apartment with Elizabeth's father and brothers. The last time I saw Audrey and Antone was when they came to visit sister Barbara in Rapid City, SD. My father had recently passed and it was a nice reunion. I know Barbara and her husband Eddy took them sightseeing all over the Black Hills. I kept in touch with Audrey while I was my mothers caregiver. She was always supportive of me. Rest in Peace. We all love you Auntie Audrey!*

Julie Wishmeyer - September 04, 2025 at 11:56 PM

LF

*That is beautiful Julie! I also love our Aunt Audrey and, especially, memories of visiting her as kids in her Chicago apartment. Later, she was so happy living at Antone's, and when our daughter was born, was so excited and supportive of our family. I'll always remember her and cherish the memories. May she rest in peace*

**Laura Furlan** - December 27, 2025 at 10:50 PM



“ *Julie Wishmeyer lit a candle in memory of Audrey M. Nitsche*



**Julie Wishmeyer** - September 04, 2025 at 11:32 PM

LF

*Beautifully said, Julie. Thank you.*

**Laura Furlan** - September 05, 2025 at 01:03 PM

LF

*I remember my Aunt Audrey as a very kind and caring person. She was always so happy to get a call or card or especially a visit from me and my husband Marty. I have especially fond memories of the days we'd see her at Antone's house in Libertyville.*

*Audrey was interested in everyone in the family, asking for updates on my parents, especially my Mom, Barbara (her sister) but also on me and my 3 sisters. I remember very long ago visits and get togethers with her (and sometimes with sons) in Chicago at our home, at Grandpa Costa's home, and at Audrey's apartment with John in the 1960s and I always thought she was so nice and welcoming.*

*Audrey was proud of her work at KMart and her longevity there too. She was a good, hard working mother who didn't get many breaks in life, I always felt. Marty and I will really miss Aunt Audrey and appreciate all her support and kindness throughout our 40 years of marriage and 30 years of parenting.*

*Be at peace, beautiful lady.*

**Laura Furlan** - September 05, 2025 at 01:23 PM

GW

*I have vague memories of Audrey when the Art and Tiny Johnson family lived in Calumet, Mi. She was a young toddler then (circa 1944); family lived in the Johnson Building on the corner of 5th and Pine St. Can't remember their pet dog, Mopsy, too well but have some recollection..*

*Talked to Audrey by phone a few years back, maybe 2018, when she still lived in Kenosha. She sounded great then. Lost touch with her after that.*

*My you have eternal peace in heaven, Audrey.*

*Cousin Gail Wickstrom Her dad was my mon's brother)*

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**Gail A. Wickstrom** - September 07, 2025 at 10:59 AM