



## Kathleen K. Naureckas

October 12, 1936 - September 30, 2020

Kathleen Naureckas, 83, passed away on Wednesday, September 30, 2020, in Oak Park, Illinois. She was born October 12, 1936, in Mt. Pleasant, Pennsylvania, was a former resident of Libertyville, Chicago, and Glenview, Ill., and most recently of Oak Park, Ill. Kathleen received a B.S. from Northwestern Medill School of Journalism, and an M.A. in English literature, also from Northwestern. She was the managing editor of the weekly Libertyville Herald, and later on the editorial staff of the Chicago Tribune until her retirement. Kathleen was an avid reader and a poet, having published one chapbook titled *For the Duration*, with another poetry book, *Winter Ecology*, under publication. After retirement, she played saxophone for the New Horizons Band, and enjoyed playing bridge and watching movies.

She is survived by her daughter, Karen (Rick) Christiansen; 2 sons, Dr. Ted (Dr. Sara) and Jim (Janine Jackson) Naureckas; 6 grandchildren, Dr. Lauren (Matthew) Lindquist, Sean Christiansen, Dr. Caitlin (Dr. Edward) Li, Dr. Patrick (Lauren Heeg), June and Eden Naureckas; 3 great-grandchildren, Ethan, Reid, and Collin Lindquist; sister Marie Zelenka; brothers Thomas and Patrick Kearney; and her beloved cat, Rosie.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Adeline and Christopher Kearney; her husband, Edward Naureckas; their young daughter, Barbara Naureckas; her brothers Jim and John Kearney; and sister Adele Kearney.

Due to the pandemic, a private graveside service will be held on Saturday, October 3, 2020, at Ascension Cemetery in Libertyville, Ill. For those who wish

to attend virtually, a link will be available to view on the funeral home website beginning at 1:00 p.m. Saturday. To allow her love of reading to live on in children in need, memorial contributions can be made to Reach Out and Read at Erie Family Health Centers <https://www.riefamilyhealth.org/knaureckas/>. Arrangements by Burnett-Dane Funeral Home in Libertyville. For info: 847-362-3009 or share a memory at [www.burnettdane.com](http://www.burnettdane.com).

Click here to view live funeral footage:

<https://client.tribucast.com/tcid/84207583>

# Cemetery Details

## **Ascension Cemetery**

1920 Buckley Road  
Libertyville, IL

# Tribute Wall



“ *Burnett-Dane Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Kathleen K. Naureckas*

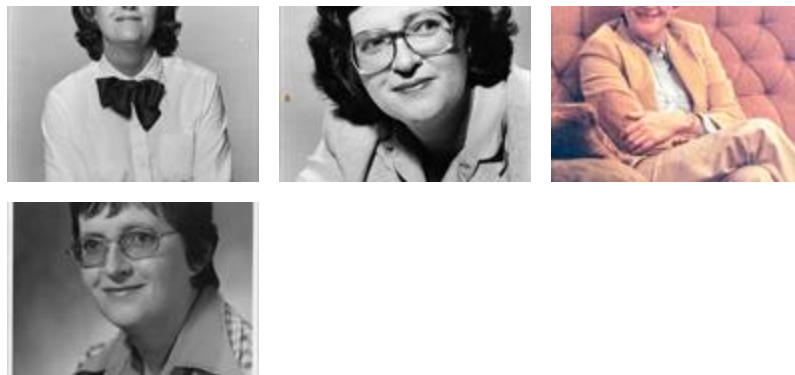


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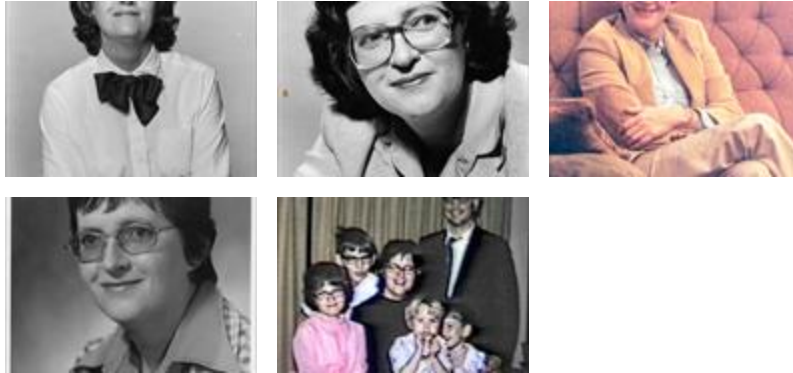


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“ Dear Kathy and I were hard-working colleagues at the Chicago Tribune where Kathy could run a tight ship when she was in charge of the newsroom. We became close friends in our shared retirements from the Trib. We were opera and theater partners, attending the Lyric, Goodman and Chicago Shakespeare as season ticket holders for many years. Knowing how much she loved to go the movie theater, I would take the train to Glenview and we would screen films before the Oscars. We last saw “Black Panther” together. We would also share stories about our families, trips to Door County and books, of course. I knew most of the stories behind her her poetry book, “For the Duration.” When I had my first hip replacement, Kathy brought her famous lasagne to my then-Park Ridge home and drove me to doctor visits. She was a good friend, a devoted mother, grandmother and proud great-grandmother. I will always treasure my friendship with a very intelligent, wise and witty woman—a lover of family, books and adventures.



Jackie Combs - October 03, 2020 at 08:43 AM