



## Aileen Dale Darnell

October 19, 1946 - September 5, 2022

Aileen Dale Darnell, age 75, of Hobart, passed away September 5, 2022. She was raised in the Roseland community of Chicago. Born of Dutch and Irish immigrants she grew up in the days of families gathered on their porches, outings to the boondocks (family farms in Indiana) with epic cookouts and cornfield and forest hide and seek. As a teenager she attended Bethany Reformed Church but really loved shopping at Gately's People Store and the myriad other small retail outlets on "The Ave," Michigan Avenue. Swimming at the "Pump" (on girls only days, of course). An early introduction to Russian literature, Anna Karenina probably first, led her into a life long love of books, and a lifetime of supporting local libraries... mostly with overdue fines. More important than books, except maybe the Bible, she loved her kids. A mother of five, a matriarch to a legacy, was not one to silently forgive transgressions, of which there were many, but you never lost her love. Ever! She grew from a cub with two kids into a lioness. Late in her life, with an empty nest, retired, Aileen focused on others and pets. Her love of small vulnerable things extended from her kids to her cats, her son's when he went over the road, and her final friend, Sabrina. Always quick to make a friend, make a stranger laugh, sing along with songs, she was welcome everywhere. She loved life, the Lord, and her family. She passed into his presence peacefully late on labor day surrounded by family.

Aileen was preceded by:

Her Mother Gertrude Ludwick nee Dorn

Her Stepfather John Roscoe Ludwick  
and

Her Father Dale Darnell

Aileen's Siblings:

Don Darnell (Michelle)

Timothy Gray Darnell (Donna)

Nancy Fleming (Bruce)

Cathy Ludwick

Lynn Thomas (Jim)

Aileen's Children:

Mark Ton

Michael Ton

Beth Phemister

William "Billy" Phemister (Sarah)

Kelly Wortel

Services for Aileen will be Friday, September 23, 2022 at 10:30 a.m., Chapel Hill South, 11333 South Central Avenue, Oak Lawn, IL 60453. The family requests donations to the American Lung Association in lieu of flowers. Burns Funeral Home (Hobart) entrusted with arrangements. [www.burnsfuneral.com](http://www.burnsfuneral.com).

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

SEP **23**. 10:30 AM (CT)

Chapel Hill Gardens South Cemetery  
11333 S Central Avenue  
Oak Lawn, IL 60453

# Tribute Wall

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**Don Darnell** - September 22, 2022 at 09:27 PM

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“ I love you mom.Ive never felt so alone.I miss you more than any words could ever express.You loved me unconditionally,you brought sunshine into my life when it was dark.You were and always will be my best friend.The pain I feel is near unbearable.The only comfort I can take is knowing you are with our savior and that I will see you again.Thank you mom for all the love you've shown me.I am so lost without you, but will try my hardest to be strong for you.I love you momma.We will see each other again All my love forever your grateful loving son son Michael.

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**Michael J Ton** - September 21, 2022 at 09:32 PM

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**Michael J Ton** - September 21, 2022 at 09:15 PM

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**Eegene** - September 21, 2022 at 07:04 PM

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**Mark Ton** - September 19, 2022 at 09:31 PM

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**Mark Ton** - September 19, 2022 at 09:26 PM

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**Mark Ton** - September 19, 2022 at 09:09 PM

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**Mark Ton** - September 19, 2022 at 09:05 PM