



Edna M. Karl

June 12, 1940 - January 26, 2026

Edna M. Karl, 85, of Fond du Lac, died on Monday, January 26, 2026, at St. Agnes Hospital.

She was born on June 12, 1940, in Fond du Lac, the daughter of Charles and Margaret Boy Ludkey. On June 17, 1958, she married Richard W. "Thunder" Karl in Fond du Lac. He preceded her in death on December 20, 2016.

Edna waitressed Schreiners, Capelle's Anchor Inn, and The Chaparral. As a younger woman, Edna was a babysitter. She worked at Wells Manufacturing. Edna was devoted to God as a member of Church of Peace U.C.C. In her spare time, she loved walking, polka, loved to dance and go for rides, and was a loving lady. In her golden years, she volunteered at Grancare Nursing Home.

She is survived by her two children: Richard Karl Jr. of Appleton and Sue (Karl) Ziebert of Fond du Lac; two grandchildren, Jenny (Logan Jones) Jorgensen of Fond du Lac, Laura (Jeff) Scruton Jr. of Ripon; two great-grandsons, Cooper Johnson and Kyle Scruton; her brother Kenneth Ludkey of Fond du Lac, her sister Suzie Balthazor of AZ, and her long-time friend Donna Shepro of Fond du Lac.

She is preceded in death by her parents, her husband, infant daughter Julie Anne, her brother Dennis Ludkey.

VISITATION: The family will greet friends and relatives from 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM on Monday, February 2, 2026, at Church of Peace U.C.C, 158 South Military Road, Fond du Lac.

SERVICES: Memorial Service will be held at 12:00 PM on Monday, February 2, 2026, at Church of Peace U.C.C., with Rev. Stephen Stepp officiating. Inurnment will be at a later date in Estabrooks Cemetery. Cremation has taken place.

In lieu of flowers, memorials to Church of Peace.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 2. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Church of Peace
158 South Military Road
Fond du Lac, WI 54935

Service

FEB 2. 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

DV

“ *What a wonderful and kind lady! She was always a delight. I'll miss seeing her at Lori's where she always talked about Thunder and how wonderful of a man he was. I hope he was the first one she saw! Love and hugs to the family and friends.*



Donna Verdone - February 02 at 09:29 AM

DS

Edna, we will so miss our visits on Wed. Pizza nite. So nice that your good friend Donna would bring you! We enjoyed sharing memories and laughs! Thunder will be so glad to see you! rest in peace with God's love!!

Dale Schaeve - February 13 at 08:26 PM

LS

“ *I love and miss you Grandma.*

Laura Scruton - February 01 at 11:05 PM

DK

“ Prayers to family and friends of Edna who was the most friendliest hardworking woman to know never complain about hard times always positive about everything no matter what it was or is...She had a great memory of our dancing days thinking I was so much younger than her. Maybe back than!! It was fun to be with the older crowd... age did not matter it was a great time ...Edna was so happy that I planned dances and polka bus trips to La Crosse and Port Washington to go with her dearest Friend Donna this last year that she could attend them being new places to see and new bands...she loved her polka music...now Edna is in heaven dancing with Thunder and all the Bands went before her along with friends and family...Edna will always be remembered but not forgotten she was special to many...with sympathy David and Donna Gudex-Kamrath

Donna Gudex- Kamrath - January 31 at 07:54 AM

AH

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Edna was a joy to know. When I was little Edna would sit in the pew behind us, she was quiet but joyful. We also use to see her at schminers and she was always on the move and an example of a hard worker.



Annie H - January 28 at 10:55 PM

DJ

“ Edna I believe you are now at peace and free of pain, and joyously greeting all those who have gone before you. I can picture you and Thunder polka dancing to Jerry Schneider and enjoying a nice steak dinner. Edna you left an indelible mark on me and you touched many others here on Earth. May God hold you in his arms and welcome you to heaven. My sincere sympathy to Susan and Rick and the rest of the family.

Dave Jorgensen - January 28 at 10:31 PM

TR

“ Our Deepest sympathy Sue and Richard the Tom Reinhold family 🙏



Thomas L Reinhold - January 28 at 09:55 PM

SW

“ Sherry Wightman lit a candle in memory of Edna Karl



Sherry Wightman - January 28 at 05:33 PM

MM

“ THUNDER ALWAYS MENTION YOU WHEN HE CAME INTO KWIK TRIP YUP EDNA IS STILL WORKING AT SCHREINERS. BOUGHT HIS LOTTERY FROM KWIK TRIP WHEN I WORKED. LIGHTING AND THUNDER QUITE A TEAM. MABLE HIS MOM WAS BEST FRIEND OF MY MOM DOT SALFER



MARY MARLOWE - January 28 at 12:49 PM