



Karen Alvarez-Hunt

February 28, 1972 - December 15, 2025

Karen Alvarez-Hunt, age 53, of Bourbonnais passed away Monday, December 15, 2025, at Riverside Medical Center in Kankakee. She was born February 28, 1972, in Elyria, OH, the daughter of Richard Alvarez and Elvira (Gerodias) Alvarez. Karen married David Hunt on September 28, 2002, at Maternity B.V.M. Catholic Church in Bourbonnais.

Karen was a teacher at Bishop McNamara Catholic School and part-time at Kankakee Community College. She enjoyed listening to music and whenever she was awake, music was playing. Her passion was to give to the kids the extra help they needed. She truly invested in every student she helped and gave her heart to others. Karen was active with the McNamara Annual Golf Outing. In addition to teaching, she was in charge of campus ministry at Bishop McNamara. Within this, she oversaw setting up for masses, planning retreats and cultivating a faith filled environment. Most of all, Karen loved spending time with her children and family.

She was a very active parishioner at Maternity B.V.M. Catholic Church and was active in the Parish Council.

Surviving are her husband of 23 years, David Hunt of Bourbonnais; two sons, Kolton Hunt and Kaiden Hunt, both of Bourbonnais; her mother, Elvira Alvarez of Bourbonnais; one sister, Kellean (Adam) Schriedel of Bolingbrook, IL; and one brother, Kyle (Kristina) Alvarez of Milwaukee, WI. Karen is preceded in death by her father.

Cremation rites have been accorded. A memorial visitation will be held from 2-

6 p.m. on Sunday, December 21, 2025, at Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Bourbonnais. A memorial Mass will be celebrated at 12 Noon Monday, December 22, 2025, at Maternity B.V.M. Catholic Church in Bourbonnais. Memorials may be made to the Catholic Education Foundation, Diocese of Joliet.

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

DEC **21**. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Bourbonnais - Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes, Inc.
295 Main St., NW
Bourbonnais, IL 60914
(815) 932-1214
cgfuneral@gmail.com

Memorial Mass

DEC **22**. 12:00 PM (CT)

Maternity B.V.M. Catholic Church
308 E. Marsile
Bourbonnais, IL 60914
(815) 933-8285
<http://www.mbvchurch.org/>

Tribute Wall

JB

“ Mrs. Hunt was one of my helper teachers at Bishop McNamara and my 8th grade Spanish teacher. She was very stern and was on always on me about work Spanish and other classes. Even though it frustrated me sometimes it helped me a lot and It has definitely made me more responsible. I miss her so much and I will never forget her. Rest in peace Mrs. Hunt. Thank you for everything.

James Beedle - May 21 at 08:52 AM

SH

“ David, Kolton, and Kaiden,
I want to express my heartfelt condolences. I am deeply saddened to hear about Karen's passing. It was a joy to work alongside her at KCC, sharing updates about our families and listening to her talk proudly about her husband and boys. She was a genuine advocate for her students. I will miss her warm smile and loving spirit. Your family are in my prayers. Sharon Hoogstraat

Sharon Hoogstraat - December 22, 2025 at 10:57 AM

TB

“ Tina B. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Karen Alvarez-Hunt.

Tina B. - December 21, 2025 at 12:17 AM

CW

“ Oh, I was so sadden to read of the death of Karen. We worked together in Transfer Admission at Olivet. Karen was I joy to work with — always a positive attitude, related well to students, and an added plus in the office area! I was blessed to not only work beside Karen yet to develop a good friendship. My prayers and thoughts are with her family and friends. 💕. -Carol Foor Watson

Carol Foor Watson - December 17, 2025 at 01:50 PM

SO

“ Sam Omari purchased the Meat & Cheese Wood en Gift Crate for the family of Karen Alvarez-Hunt.



Sam Omari - December 17, 2025 at 12:28 PM

RG

“ I remember what a sweet and studious young lady Karen was. She possessed an inner light, and her smile truly brightened the room. I am happy for her for the joy her teaching career brought her. I am moved by the depth of her faith. I feel the great love she had for her family. May all who knew her and loved her be comforted.

Rebecca Gonski - December 17, 2025 at 11:37 AM

KC

“ I worked with Karen at KCC for many years. In addition to being one of the kindest people I knew--who always had a smile on her face--she was always, always focused on what was best for the student. So many students have benefited from Karen's guidance and concern. My heartfelt condolences to her family during such a difficult time.

Kristine Condon - December 16, 2025 at 09:01 PM



I too worked with Karen at Kankakee Community College. She genuinely cared about the success of the students at KCC. I am so saddened by this news and pray for God's comfort and peace to her family during this difficult time.

RaeLene Bass - December 16, 2025 at 09:34 PM

CH

“ I am so saddened to see this and my heart hurts for all of you. Please accept my sincerest sympathy. I worked with Karen at KCC years back and she was always such a sweet person. You will be in my thoughts and prayers in the days ahead. ❤️🙏 ”

Cindy Hebert - December 16, 2025 at 07:24 PM

JS

“ My heart goes out to the entire Hunt and Alvarez families. Karen was a very friendly, out-going person. She certainly was of great service to Maternity BVM parish and her community. I am sure she is having a great time in heaven! ”

Jeanette Schneider - December 16, 2025 at 06:37 PM

MA

“ My sincere condolences and prayers to the family. I met Karen at the Alpha program and enjoyed her input on our discussions. ”

Mary - December 16, 2025 at 06:27 PM