



Karen Sue Amoss

October 8, 1951 - April 29, 2026

Karen Sue Amoss, age 74, of Albia, Iowa, passed away on Wednesday, April 29, 2026, at the Monroe County Hospital in Albia.

Karen was born on October 8, 1951, at the Smith Hospital in Albia, to John E. “Gene” and Lois Willadene “Deanie” (Cooper) Walsh. She grew up attending school in Melrose and later in Albia, graduating with the Class of 1969. Following high school, she attended the Americana Beauty Academy. On March 6, 1971, she was united in marriage to Dennis Amoss at St. Patrick’s Catholic Church in Georgetown, IA, and to this union, 2 children were born: Troy and Lynnette. Karen and Denny were blessed with 55 years of marriage prior to her passing.

Karen began her career as a beautician at Marilyn’s Beauty Lane before staying at home to raise her children. She later worked at Rathbun Area Mental Health and eventually dedicated many years to the billing office at Monroe County Hospital and Clinics until her retirement.

Karen was a woman of deep faith and a longtime member of St. Mary’s Catholic Church in Albia. She was a founding member of the Albia Day Care Center and enjoyed square dancing with her husband, Denny. She served as a 4-H leader and loved attending both the Monroe County and the Iowa State Fair. Growing up in Melrose, Karen was proud of her Irish heritage. A gifted

seamstress, Karen especially enjoyed quilting and was an active member of the Crazy Quilters, the Sew and So Club, and the Veterans Peace Quilters. She was incredibly proud to help create quilts for all the Veterans in Monroe County. Karen and Denny enjoyed attending their grandchildren's events that took them all over the country.

Karen is survived by her husband, Denny; her children, Troy (Lori) Amoss and Lynnette (Josh) Major; 7 grandchildren, Brock, Shay, Trell, Austin, Allison, Avery, and Aubrey; siblings, Mike Walsh, Bill (Ann Mellick) Walsh, Margaret Ann Crall, and Mary Helen (Everett) Husmann; a sister-in-law, Delores (Mike) Johnson; and a special aunt, Helen Walsh; Karen is also survived by several nieces, nephews, cousins, and good friends.

She is preceded in death by a baby in infancy; her parents, Gene Walsh and Deanie Walsh McDowell; a brother in infancy, Joseph Michael; her stepfather, Lloyd McDowell; a stepsister, Paula DeVore; a brother-in-law, Greg Crall; and her parents-in-law, Lawrence "Plute" and Darlene Amoss.

Visitation will be held from 2:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 3, 2026, at the Tharp Funeral Home in Albia with Karen's family present to greet family and friends. A Rosary will be held at 2:00 p.m. led by St. Mary's Altar and Rosary Society and A Christian Wake Service will be held immediately following the Rosary.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, May 4, 2026, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Albia, with Father Isaac Essel officiating. Burial will follow services at St. Mary's Cemetery in Albia.

A memorial has been established to St. Jude Children's Hospital.

Cemetery Details

St. Mary's Cemetery

Albia, IA

Previous Events

Rosary

MAY 3. 2:00 PM (CT)

Tharp Funeral Home
116 Benton Ave.
Albia, IA 52531
(641) 932-3129
<https://www.tharpfh.com/>

Visitation

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Christain Wake Service

MAY 3. 2:15 PM (CT)

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Mass of Christian Burial

MAY 4. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church
730 Benton Ave W
Albia, IA

Tribute Wall



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Karen Sue Amoss.* ”



May 13 at 01:59 PM

SC

“ *Classmates*

Sharon Ryan Cunningham

Prayers for Denny Amoss - whose wife, Karen has passed away.

MaryjoandDon Wasko

So sorry Denny. Prayers for you and your family at this difficult time.

Vicki Cronk

Prayers for you and your family at this very sad time!

Trudy Mcdowell

Prayers for you and your family. Trudy Ahn

Cindy Sinnott

My thoughts are with Denny and family

Carole Mathes

Sorry to hear, prayers.

Leon Calhoun

Yes Denny my best friend since 4th grade and we always stayed in touch. Karen's brother is my Xs boyfriend that she lives with.

Diana Parson

Denny... I am so sorry. Please accept our sympathies.

Judy Stuchel O'Keefe

Sending prayers, Denny. 🙏

Claire June Capaldo

Thank you for posting Sharon, and sending prayers for Denny and Family.

Martha DeZwarte Rankin

My sympathy and prayers 🙏

Maureen Carr Curran

Prayers for Denny and family 🙏 May Karen, a sweet lady, rest in peace.

Susan McDonnell Brumm

Karen and Denny faced her long illness with grace. Sending prayers for peace and comfort.

Sharon Cunningham - May 05 at 12:15 PM

EA

“ Eric A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Karen Sue Amoss.

Eric A. - May 03 at 08:19 PM

KC

“ I have very wonderful memories of growing up in Melrose with Karen, we were together in many activities, and I enjoyed seeing her at class reunions. Karen was a kind and lovely woman. My condolences to Denny and all the family. In love and caring,
Kit Dinneen Crane

Kit Dinneen Crane - May 01 at 11:15 PM

AC

“ Adam and Laura Coughlin purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Karen Sue Amoss.



Adam and Laura Coughlin - May 01 at 03:14 PM

LE

“ My thoughts go out to you and your family Denny. Karen was such a sweet classmate and was always willing to lend a helping hand to anyone. Rest in God's hands Karen.



Linda Henderson Eubanks - April 30 at 08:44 PM

RM

“ So saddened to hear the loss of a memorable member of our extended family. A wonderful wife, mother and friend to all she met.

Wayne and Candy Marlin and families. 🙏🙏

Robert Marlin - April 30 at 06:09 PM

EL

“ Denny, I am so sorry. Praying the memories you have of all the good times you've had will give you comfort.

Elaine - April 30 at 05:48 PM