



## Darlene Edwards

September 16, 1944 - November 13, 2024

Darlene Edwards, age 80, passed away peacefully on November 13, 2024, while living at the Grande Prairie Senior Care Center in Pleasant Prairie, Wisconsin. Born on September 16, 1944, in Chicago, Illinois, to Daniel and Mary (nee Bronovich) DeGrizio, Darlene's life was a testament to her compassionate spirit and unwavering dedication to the causes and people she held dear.

Growing up in Chicago, Illinois, Darlene went to St. Genevieve grade school and Alvernia High School in Chicago. After earning an associate degree, Darlene embarked on a fulfilling career as a legal secretary, a role which she excelled in for many years. After retirement, she moved to Kenosha, Wisconsin where she continued to utilize her professional skills in her volunteer work at St. Joseph Hospital in Chicago and Safe Harbor Humane Society in Kenosha, Wisconsin. She was highly regarded by her peers.

She met and married her late husband John W. Edwards, and they were blessed to have shared 34 wonderful years of marriage together.

Darlene's love for cats and animal welfare was evident to all who knew her. She was the proud mommy to Rexi, Giselle, Guinevere, Juliet, Heide, Suzie, Spike, Ootie, Nonie, Pumpkin, and Muppy. She embraced a vegetarian lifestyle long before it became a widespread choice. Her love for animals

extended into her writing, where she wrote a series of articles for the Kenosha News publication.

She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Kenosha, Wisconsin and will be laid to rest alongside her beloved husband, John, at Lake Forest Cemetery, Lake Forest, Illinois. She is now at peace in heaven with those she loved so dearly.

She was the loving cousin and friend to many and will be dearly missed by all who knew her. Interment will be private.

In lieu of flowers, online donations may be made in Darlene's name to the Safe Harbor Humane Society in Kenosha, Wisconsin at <https://www.wihuman.org/>.

For more information, contact Reuland & Turnbough Funeral Directors of Lake Forest at (847) 234-9649 or [www.RTfunerals.com](http://www.RTfunerals.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Lake Forest Cemetery

1525 North Lake Road  
Lake Forest, IL 60045

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Darlene was my stepmother. She was a wonderful, kind and strong human. She was one of a kind. I will miss our visits, pizza and movie nights with Dad (John), and our mutual love of animals and charity. RIP Darlene, love Lesley Edwards.*

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“ *Darlene was a very fun, loving lady and my neighbor at Beech pointe where her and her husband John resided together before they passed. Was fortunate to know them both! They both will be remembered very fondly till we meet again.*

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**Lorri Alfano** - March 05, 2025 at 10:45 PM