



Erik J. Lindgren

May 18, 1963 - June 2, 2026

Erik Jon Lindgren, 63, of Burr Ridge, Illinois, passed away Tuesday, June 2, 2026, at his home.

He was born on May 18, 1963, in River Forest, Illinois, to Jon Lindgren and Martha (Lindgren) Magura. Erik married the love of his life, Karol Lynn Lindgren, on February 1, 1986, in Downers Grove, Illinois. Together they built a life centered on family, friendship, and creating lasting memories. Erik's greatest joy came from spending time with those he loved, especially his wife and children.

A U.S. Navy veteran, Erik was an extremely hard-worker throughout his life. He attended Willow Springs Community Church and was known for his outgoing personality, love of fun, and ability to strike up a conversation with anyone he met.

Erik had a passion for the outdoors and enjoyed watching motocross, bike riding throughout the Chicago area, fishing, and playing golf on his home-made course. He was known for keeping immaculate care of his house and yard, and for putting his personal touch on every corner of his home. He also loved riding his motorcycle, spending time outdoors, watching movies and British sitcoms with his family, listening to music, and playing games including darts, ping pong, chess, and card games. He had a fascination for animals

and nature, carrying a specific love of snakes.

Above all, Erik cherished his family. He is survived by his beloved wife, Karol Lynn Lindgren; his children, Max (Katherine) Lindgren, Annika (Joseph) Adrian, and Kirsten Lindgren and her fiancé, Tommy Kuliavas; and his grandchildren, Liam Lindgren and Wes Lindgren. He is also survived by his brothers, Leif (Donna) Lindgren and Bjorn (Jodie) Lindgren; step-brother Brian (Kim) Magura; brother-in-law Karl Engquist; sister-in-law Karin (Mark) Reid; step-sister-in-law Michelle Magura; as well as nieces, a nephew, extended family members, and dear friends.

He was preceded in death by his father, Jon Lindgren; his mother, Martha Magura; his stepfather, David Magura; and his stepbrother, Mark Magura.

A visitation will be held on Saturday, June 6, at 10:00 a.m. at Open Bible Center, 410 S. Small Avenue, Kankakee, Illinois, followed by a memorial service at 11:00 a.m. officiated by Rev. Bjorn Lindgren. Cremation rites have been accorded.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to support the family.

Erik will be remembered for his adventurous spirit, his faith in Jesus, his love of family, his unwavering loyalty to his wife, and a lifetime of passions and interests that he lovingly shared with his family. His memory will live on in the hearts of all who knew and loved him.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 6. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Open Bible Center
410 S. Small Ave.
Kankakee, IL 60901

Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall

“ I have a lot of memories of my Uncle Erik. I don't know where to start, which may become clear as I jump around here... I remember when I was about 12 and I finally had the opportunity to ride a little dirt bike he had. It was and still is one of the best freeing feelings I felt, pulling the throttle back and riding in his yard. I loved willow springs, thanks to all the family lore there, if you will. I also absolutely loved motorcycles, old Volvos, and knew I'd grow up only owning them. (I was 99% right, I almost never go without a Volvo 240) A lot of that was simply due to looking up to my dad and his brother, Erik, who also was my neighbor til I was 4. We're talking early days here. They had so many stories and photos, it was hard to not be influenced by the fun and cool aspect of it all. I wanted to be just like them, which I definitely am proud to say I am a Lindgren, not just by title but due to character.

I should add before then, riding a 4 wheeler when I was about 8 years old, while we also celebrated 4th of July. That was crazy cool but I was more thrilled to get on something with 2 wheels! For a long time, that was my favorite holiday just because of the fireworks and the intensity of shooting them off (and watching the "firework wars") in our family. Wouldn't have been that way had we not celebrated at his house. I also remember walking across the train tracks toward Columbia woods and just enjoying the shade of the trees. I still love walking too close to train tracks and hearing trains, reminded of Willow Springs.

Elsewhere I remember him teaching me/us how to pick up snakes, and I haven't utilized that yet but I have explained it to people many times! I have always loved snakes and it doesn't take much to understand why.

Since I've rambled on here, I'll add a more clear memory. One day, once I was an adult I went out alone to see the Shining playing in theatres. One of my all-time favorite movies. Wasn't much of a surprise when I saw my Uncle Erik and his family there as well. We made our way out and as we did, my uncle saw a large container of popcorn full sitting on top of the garbage can. I likely commented on how we could just take it and eat it, something I definitely have said or wished for but my mom always shot that idea down. Well, he

grabbed it and had some and shared it with me and I'm sure the others. Was refreshing seeing my thought process wasn't so obscure! And I enjoyed seeing how my uncle exercised his freewill. Because there's nothing that'll go significantly wrong eating some free popcorn! A good deal doesn't hurt anybody, right?

Directly to uncle Erik: I love you, I wish I reached out the dozens of times I thought about it. I despise my adult responsibilities/chaos in life a smidge more now but I feel more obligated to live my life the way it typically was or how I wanted it, which has a very clear correlation with my childhood shaped by experiences, stories, and interests of my dad and you. I always wish I was out by Willow Springs but I have plenty of places to adventure here. And I know Olof, who I wish had the chance to meet you more, is already in line with our family. He already loves anything with wheels and being out in nature and he asked me "how did he know I like this music?" when I turned the Stones on, in honor of you. I hope you saw how much of who I am is in part thanks to who you are. We do share genes, after all.

Here's a photo of the last time I had the chance to see him, Christmas Eve 2023. I love that you can't tell who is even talking as it seems we both are, likely excited about a shared interest.



Dahlia Lindgren - June 10 at 08:00 AM

MA

“ 8 files added to the tribute wall



Malcolm - June 05 at 09:38 PM

FF

“ From the O'Connor and Avanzado families purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Erik J. Lindgren.



From the O'Connor and Avanzado families - June 05 at 01:59 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Erik J. Lindgren.



June 05 at 12:34 PM

TF

“ The Duffy Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Erik J. Lindgren.



The Duffy Family - June 05 at 11:48 AM

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“ The Duffy Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Erik J. Lindgren.

The Duffy Family - June 05 at 11:48 AM

KG

“ Erik the original “ Cook County Cadre” MC. Erik always said “ NO Sally’s” and rode hard. Had so many good times riding MX at every local track we could find and trails we were not supposed to be on “Breaking the law” and loved every second of it. Best track was the home track Erik built around the house. The back switchback was around a blazing fire pit that he would light riders getting 2 wide in the turn. No better feeling than loading the truck with our dirt bikes going on adventure. The laughter we had together always initiated by you is priceless. You have always been my nemesis on the track that I could never catch. I wouldn’t trade all the roosting you put into my face for anything. We will meet again and I pray the MX gods will give me an edge. You left a lifetime of impressions on the young CC Cadres.

*RIP my friend until we meet again on that great track where our bikes won’t need gas and the sun always shines. Love you man
“NO HOMO”*

Kevin Gallagher - June 05 at 01:22 AM

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“ *The Schaefer and DeBartolo Families purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Erik J. Lindgren.*



The Schaefer and DeBartolo Families - June 04 at 09:52 PM



“ *Bright and Beautiful Spray was purchased for the family of Erik J. Lindgren.*



June 04 at 09:25 PM

JF

“ *Jeffrey and Joey Ford purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Erik J. Lindgren.*



Jeffrey and Joey Ford - June 04 at 06:54 PM

JF

“ *Jeffrey and Joey Ford planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Erik J. Lindgren.*

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