



Caroline (Duke) Vandak

February 24, 2026

Caroline (Duke) Vandak, 85, of Peoria, Illinois, passed away peaceful on February 24, 2026 surrounded by those she loved. She was the beloved daughter of Donald and Dorothy Mohn.

In 1959, Caroline was married to the love of her life, Joseph Vandak with whom she shared a life filled with love and companionship.

In her younger years Caroline was a dedicated dental assistant & phone operator. However, those who knew her best would attest to the warmth and passion she instilled into the lives of those around her as she truly lived life to the fullest.

A creative spirit at heart, she expressed herself through several outlets such as her lovingly tended garden, as well as painting, filling canvases with the beauty she saw in everyday life. Music too, was a constant companion for Caroline while traveling throughout the area as Joseph played the bass guitar with the band, The Stan'Dels. The music brought rhythm & passion into their lives as well as a cherished hit single, 'If I Didn't Love You So.' When she wasn't invested in her many creative outlets, Caroline dedicated much of her time to volunteering throughout her local community & the rest to enjoying her Florida home in the colder months.

Caroline is survived by her children, Scott (Cindy) Vandak of Peoria, Illinois, Lisa Wileman of Peoria, Illinois, and Kristy Vandak of Bartonville, Illinois. Also surviving her are her grandchildren, Chris Howard Vandak, Chad Vandak, Cameron (Corey) Lambin, Mitchell Wileman, Alexa Menchaca (Victor) Rivera, Mason Menchaca, Laila Menchaca & her great grandchildren; Kiley, Carter, Cayne, Mitchell Jo, Sebastian, Kingston, Jax, Cruz, & Lavender, as well as her nieces Tracey French Peak, Robin Vandak (Bannister), Amy Vandak, Ginger Vandak (Garner) & nephew Troy French.

Preceding Caroline in death are her husband Joseph Vandak, her parents Donald and Dorothy Mohn, her two sisters Sharon & Patricia, and her son-in-law Charley Wileman.

Caroline will be remembered for her generous heart, her creative spirit, & her unwavering devotion to the people she loved.

Cremation rites have been accorded by Schmidt Haller Burial & Cremation.

Tribute Wall

MS

“ Marnie S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Caroline (Duke) Vandak.

Marnie S. - March 04 at 12:09 PM

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“ I have such fond memories of the times our families spent together Lisa. Your Mom and Dad were awesome. You are in my thoughts and prayers at this time.

Robin Gavriel (Dorsey) - March 03 at 11:31 AM

DT

“ Lisa, I'm keeping you and your family in my thoughts and prayers.

Deb Tankersely - March 03 at 08:10 AM

CJ

“ Candince Shaw & family - Taylor Jackson purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Caroline (Duke) Vandak.



Candince Shaw & family - Taylor Jackson - March 03 at 02:15 AM

TF

“ *The Menchaca Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Caroline (Duke) Vandak.*



The Menchaca Family - March 02 at 11:54 PM

MM

“ *Mason M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Caroline (Duke) Vandak.*

Mason M. - March 02 at 08:41 PM

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“ *Mason M. purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Caroline (Duke) Vandak.*



Mason M. - March 02 at 08:41 PM