



Debra R. Vance

March 10, 1958 - May 10, 2026

Debra R. Vance, 68, of Paxton, passed away on Sunday, May 10, 2026. She was born on March 10, 1958, in Paxton, the daughter of Karl and Ruth Joanne (Anderson) Swanson. Debra married Richard Vance on March 6, 1982, at Loda United Methodist Church.

She is survived by her husband, Richard Vance; four children, Jacob (Joella) Swanson, Corey (Danielle) Swanson, Amanda (Adam) Gooden, and Burt (Jill) Vance; eleven grandchildren, Kobe and Lily, Emmitt and Emmeri, Austin, Aubree and Addison, and Kayden, Gunner, Jackson, and Brayden; seven siblings, Cheryl (Steen) Niccum, Steve (Minnie) Swanson, Donna (Mike) Auld, Brenda (Mitch) Franzen, Lisa (Jeff) Cox, Jimmy (Wendy) Swanson, and Brian (Tenille) Swanson; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Karl and Joanne; her mother-in-law and father-in-law, Bill and Helen Vance; a brother, Doug Swanson; and five sisters, Karen Marshall, Diane Gagnon, Rhonda Elson, Gwen Kirchner, and Lori Swanson.

Debra found happiness in life's simple moments. She loved camping and traveling with Richard, spending time outdoors, and caring for her yard and home. She treasured family card games, especially when she could beat Richard at Yahtzee. Debra had a gift for making holidays feel special -

whether through her homemade candy or Thanksgiving gatherings she hosted each year. Friday nights laughing with her sisters, and, most of all, the time she spent with her children and grandchildren, who brought endless joy to her life.

A private family burial will be held at Glen Cemetery in Paxton. A celebration of Debra's life will be held on Friday, May 15, 2026, at 4:00 p.m., at Lakeview Country Club, in Loda, where family and friends are welcome to stop in, visit, and share memories of Debra.

Memorials may be made to Paxton's Annual Down Syndrome Awareness Walk (Down Syndrome Awareness - 745 Jack Street, Paxton, IL 60957), or the donor's choice.

Cemetery Details

Glen Cemetery

602 E. Summer St.
Paxton, IL 60957

Upcoming Events

Celebration of Life

MAY 15. 4:00 PM (CT)

Lakeview Country Club
147 E 200 North Rd
Loda, IL 60948