



## Diana "DeDe" Collins

December 18, 1947 - July 22, 2025

Diana "DeDe" Collins, 77, of Champaign, passed away on July 22, 2025, at Carle Foundation Hospital in Urbana. She was born on December 18, 1947, in Danville, the daughter of James and Ada Lee (Thomas) Webb. Diana married Richard Collins on January 22, 1971, in Fowler, IN.

She is survived by her husband of 54 years, Richard Collins; two children, Ryan Collins and Jeremy (Cheryl) Collins; three grandchildren, Ciara Collins, Chase Collins, and Zoey Collins; and four siblings, Sandi (Robin) Riester, Tim (Lorrie) Webb, Penny (Dale) Lithgow, and Mike (Delaine) Webb.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Jim Webb.

Diana loved crafting, especially during the holidays with her family. She enjoyed traveling with her friends and family and decorating her home. She especially loved spending time with her grandchildren and attending their events.

A memorial visitation will be held on Saturday, July 26, 2025, from 12:00 p.m. until 2:00 p.m., at Cox-Knapp Funeral Home in Paxton. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, July 26, 2025, at 2:00 p.m., also at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Association.



# Previous Events

## Memorial Visitation

JUL **26**. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Cox-Knapp Funeral Home  
142 W. Patton St.  
Paxton, IL 60957  
(217) 379-2353  
coxknappfh@gmail.com  
<http://coxknapp.com>

## Memorial Service

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# Tribute Wall

LH

“ Diana was one of the most calm, caring, and kind person I have known. We crossed paths in Women’s Club and many Rankin events! She will be missed!

linda higgins - July 25, 2025 at 12:26 PM

TP

“ Tom and Peggy planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Diana "DeDe" Collins.

Tom and Peggy - July 25, 2025 at 10:37 AM

TP

“ Tom and Peggy purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Diana "DeDe" Collins.



Tom and Peggy - July 25, 2025 at 10:37 AM

DA

“ Dawn A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Diana "DeDe" Collins.

Dawn A. - July 25, 2025 at 09:31 AM

BR

“ Bill, Donna, Mark & Ronda planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Diana "DeDe" Collins.

Bill, Donna, Mark & Ronda - July 24, 2025 at 10:27 PM

BR

“ Bill, Donna, Mark & Ronda purchased the Sweet Sincerity for the family of Diana "DeDe" Collins.



Bill, Donna, Mark & Ronda - July 24, 2025 at 10:27 PM



“ One of my favorite people, she always had a smile and a kind word.  
Dr Val

VR Woodruff - July 24, 2025 at 09:16 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Diana "DeDe" Collins.



July 24, 2025 at 07:18 PM

VE

“ Share so many Rankin memories with Diana.

Vickie Ellis - July 24, 2025 at 06:17 PM

LS

“ Love, Jill and Ken Schwab planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Diana "DeDe" Collins.

Love, Jill and Ken Schwab - July 24, 2025 at 05:18 PM

LS

“ Love, Jill and Ken Schwab purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Diana "DeDe" Collins.



Love, Jill and Ken Schwab - July 24, 2025 at 05:18 PM

TF

“ The Brocksmith Family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Diana "DeDe" Collins.



The Brocksmith Family - July 24, 2025 at 04:07 PM