



Carolyn Jean Diller

April 12, 1934 - August 13, 2025

Princeton - Carolyn Jean Diller, 91, of Princeton passed away on Wednesday, August 13th, at Allure of Walnut.

She was born April 12, 1934, in Princeton to Clifford and Jean (Blackburn) Huffaker. She married William "Bill" Diller on August 14, 1955. Carolyn attended Princeton High School graduating in 1952. After high school, she completed a one-year course in Pediatric Nursing from Augustana Nursery (Chicago) graduating in 1953. She worked at the nursery in Chicago, as well as in private duty care.

While raising her children, Diller and her husband owned and operated numerous Princeton businesses, including: the Princeton Telephone Answering Service, Fischer Hosiery, Polly Put the Kettle On at the Dover Homestead Farm, Peterson's Clothing Store and Peterson's One Flight Up, The Main Event (t-shirts and embroidered sweatshirts), and the Windchimer Antique Shop. Known as "the Fudge Lady," Diller and her husband also owned the Covered Bridge Fudge Shop, selling fudge both in Princeton and on the road. They would set up at many county fairs and festivals, and for more than a dozen years operated a stand at the Parke County Covered Bridge Festival in Mansfield, IN.

Diller was a lifelong volunteer. She was a Lincoln School room mother and

Cub Scout den mother and ran the concession stand for Princeton Youth Baseball and the Bureau County Fair stock car races. She served on the Bureau County Senior Center Board, Bureau County Fair Board, Bureau County Genealogical Board, Bureau County Tourism Board, Princeton Buddy Bags, Western Illinois Area Agency on Aging, and the Bureau County Historical Society Board. She belonged to the DAR and GFWC Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs. She was a member of the Evangelical Covenant Church of Princeton.

Surviving are three children, Thomas (Julie Bogott) Diller of Apopka, FL, Daniel (Kathy Lester) Diller of Falls Church, VA, and Linnea (Gary) Campbell of Princeton; eight grandchildren, Matthew (Michelle Greenlaugh) Diller, Shanna (Drew) Terry, Brooke (Dan) Frantz, Betsy Diller, Mitchell Campbell, Peter Campbell, Tony Diller, and Kate Diller; four great-grandchildren, Tucker Frantz, Lainey Frantz, Rhodes Terry, and Camden Terry; two brothers-in-law, Richard (Emily) Diller of Rockford and Robert (Shar) Diller of Naperville; and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 56 years in 2011, her parents, in-laws, Charles and Celia Diller, and three uncles and one aunt, Jack Blackburn, Forrest Huffaker, and Richard (Doris) Huffaker.

The family wishes to acknowledge the staff at Greenfield, Patti Briddick, the staff at Allure of Walnut, and Vitas Hospice for the care they provided Carolyn during the last two years.

Visitation will be Tuesday, August 26, 2025 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Norberg Memorial Home Inc & Monuments.

Funeral Services will be held on Wednesday, August 27, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. at the Evangelical Covenant Church in Princeton. Reverend Jessica Boggs will

be officiating.

Graveside services to follow at Oakland Cemetery in Princeton.

Memorials may be directed to the Evangelical Covenant Church or the Bureau County Historical Society.

Online condolences may be directed to www.norbergfh.com

Arrangements by Norberg Memorial Home, Inc. & Monuments.

Cemetery Details

Oakland Cemetery

Park Avenue
Princeton, IL 61356

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 26. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Norberg Memorial Home, Inc.
701 E. Thompson Street
Princeton, IL 61356

Funeral Service

AUG 27. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Evangelical Covenant Church of Princeton
24 N Main Street
Princeton, IL 61356

Graveside Service

AUG 27. 12:00 PM - 12:30 PM (CT)

Oakland Cemetery
Park Avenue
Princeton, IL 61356

Tribute Wall

DL

“ Dave, Misty, Caleb, Jess, Luke & Lilly purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Carolyn Jean Diller.



Dave, Misty, Caleb, Jess, Luke & Lilly - August 24, 2025 at 08:47 PM



“ Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Carolyn Jean Diller.



August 24, 2025 at 04:41 PM

DC

“ Linnea, what an amazing volunteer your Mom had. No wonder you did so well in Jaycees. Best wishes for you and your family.

*Dave Chapman
Fox Valley*

David Chapman - August 24, 2025 at 04:03 PM

JD

“ Jorja, Joni, Jeanette & Daniel planted a grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carolyn Jean Diller.

Jorja, Joni, Jeanette & Daniel - August 24, 2025 at 02:42 PM

JH

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Your family is in our thoughts and prayers.

Jorja & Rick Hanna, Joni & Larry Pinter, Jeanette & Jim Bystry, and Daniel & Oksana Bogott

Jorja Hanna - August 24, 2025 at 02:28 PM

RM

“ So sad as this hits home at the heart. I wish you and your family well. What a great lady and friend she has been throughout life. Prayers to all of the family.

Rick Martin - August 24, 2025 at 09:28 AM

YT

“ Your Cigna and Disney teams purchased the Enduring Grace for the family of Carolyn Jean Diller.



Your Cigna and Disney teams - August 22, 2025 at 11:21 AM

YT

“ Your Cigna and Disney teams planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carolyn Jean Diller.

Your Cigna and Disney teams - August 22, 2025 at 11:21 AM

AP

“ *AdventHealth PHSO lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Jean Diller*



AdventHealth PHSO - August 22, 2025 at 10:19 AM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Carolyn Jean Diller.*



August 22, 2025 at 10:09 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Carolyn Jean Diller.*

August 22, 2025 at 10:09 AM

TB

“ *The IAAF board purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Carolyn Jean Diller.*



The IAAF board - August 21, 2025 at 01:40 PM

DJ

“ I'm so sorry You guys. Tom, Dan, and Linnea, I think of You all the time. Your Mom was truly an Angel. I'm so sorry, and God Bless You All. Deryl Johnson

Deryl Johnson - August 21, 2025 at 12:37 PM

PE

“ So sorry to hear this. Carolyn was a wonderful person. Prayers to the family.



Peggy Ericson - August 21, 2025 at 09:03 AM



“ You're all in my thoughts and prayers. Linnea, hugs to you my friend.



Bev Stegmann - August 20, 2025 at 06:31 PM