



Carolyn Vander Stouw

June 25, 1938 - January 14, 2026

Carolyn Vander Stouw, 87, passed away peacefully on January 13, 2026, in Columbus, Ohio.

She was born on June 25, 1938, to the late Peter and Margaret (Bell) DeHaan and raised in Midland Park, NJ. Carolyn pursued her education at Calvin College in Grand Rapids, MI where she met her former husband, the late Gerald Vander Stouw.

She dedicated almost three decades of her life to supporting students with learning disorders and disabilities as a tutor for Columbus Public Schools. Her work reflected her giving nature and caring spirit, qualities that touched many lives throughout her career and beyond.

Carolyn was a devoted member of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Columbus for over 60 years, singing in the choir for many of those years. Her faith community was an important part of her life. She was also a long-time volunteer with Neighborhood Services, Inc. She enjoyed traveling, participating in book club, attending the theater, and spending cherished time with family and friends.

Carolyn is lovingly remembered by her son, Steve Vander Stouw and his wife Michelle; her daughter, Karen Vander Stouw; and her grandchildren, Garrett

Vander Stouw and Alexandra Vander Stouw. She is also survived by her brother, Frank DeHaan and his wife Marilou; granddog Lillie; numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins; and many wonderful friends.

A memorial service celebrating Carolyn's life will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, January 31, 2026, at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 30 West Woodruff Avenue, Columbus, OH.

In lieu of flowers, Carolyn requested donations be made to St. Stephen's Episcopal Church (StStephensColumbus.org) or Neighborhood Services Inc., 1950 North 4th Street, Columbus, OH (NSIfoodpantry.org).

Cemetery Details

Union Cemetery

3349 Olentangy River Road
Columbus, OH 43202
(614) 267-5471

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JAN 31. 2:00 PM (ET)

St. Stephens Episcopal Church
30 West Woodruff Avenue
Columbus, OH

Tribute Wall



“ Carolyn was one of the first people to reach out to me at St.Stephen's. My first year with the church I went shopping for NSI Christmas gifts with her. She was quite excited to get my flourless chocolate cake recipe! Carolyn always brought a smile to my face and warmth to my heart.

Cindy Olmstead - January 30 at 12:49 PM