



Margaret "Madge" Williamson Vackar

July 22, 1961 - April 8, 2025

Margaret "Madge" Jane Williamson Vackar, 63, passed away peacefully at her home on April 8, 2025. Born on July 22, 1961, in El Campo, Madge lived a life full of music, love, and devotion to her family and community.

Madge was the beloved daughter of Jane and Tommy Williamson. She grew up with her older sister Sue Zanne, older brothers Tommy and Harrell, both of whom preceded her in death, and her younger sister Clarissa.

She shared her life and love with her husband, Doug Vackar, her true companion and travel partner, especially on their cherished trips to England and Scotland. Together, they lovingly restored a historic home in El Campo, Texas, where they made a warm and welcoming life until her passing. She was previously married to Darryl Petersen, with whom she had her two sons, Jasen and Harrell.

Madge was a devoted mother to Jasen (Jessica) and Harrell (Rachel), and a proud, doting grandmother to her granddaughter Josephine, who she affectionately called "Jojo." She also embraced and loved her stepchildren, Nathan Vackar (Kimberly) and Courtney Scott (Chris), and their children: Max, Allison, and Jillian McLeland; and Joey, Aurora, and Eretria Scott. Her family was the heart of her world, and she loved them all fiercely.

A lifelong lover of music, Madge worked as an elementary school music teacher, sharing her passion and joy with countless children before retiring. She continued to express that love through her church choir and family holiday gatherings, where she would bring out her old flute and lead carols with a sparkle in her eye.

Though petite in stature, Madge had a presence that filled every room. Her joyful, bold personality made her the life of every gathering, and her unmistakable laughter could be heard echoing from across the house. She brought light, warmth, and joy wherever she went.

Madge's spirit, humor, and generous heart left a lasting impression on everyone she met. Her life was rich in relationships, laughter, and song, and always full of heart. She will be deeply missed by all who had the gift of knowing her.

Preceded in death by her parents, Jane Kelley Williamson and Thomas Wyatt Williamson, Sr.; Brothers, Thomas W. Williamson, Jr.; and Harrell R. Williamson. She is survived by her husband Douglas M. Vackar, sons Jasen Petersen (Jessica) and Harrell Petersen (Rachel), granddaughter, Josephine Iris (Jojo) Petersen; step children Nathan Vackar (Kim) and Courtney Scott(Chris) grand children Max, Allison and Jillian McLeland and Joey, Aurora and Eretria Scott; Sisters Clarissa Joy Williamson Williford (Brandon); Mary Raun Williamson Johnson; and Dr. Sue Zanne Williamson Urbis (Richard); sister-in-law Joy Janak (Randy) and brother-in-law Lewis Vackar (Vicky) and aunt, Lela Belle Williamson Thomson; numerous nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews, and cousins.

Visitation will begin at 2 p.m. on Friday, April 11 at First Presbyterian Church in El Campo with services following at 3 p.m. Graveside services begin at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 12 at Mount Zion Cemetery in Coldspring.

Pallbearers will be David Bunch, Michael Burden, Tyson Duncan, Hunter Johnson, Lance Lurker, Max McLeland, Nathan Vackar and Thomas Williamson. Honorary pallbearers will be Jimmy Barger, Randy Janak, Richard Urbis and Brandon Williford.

Memorial donations in memory of Madge Williamson Vacker may be made to the First Presbyterian Church Choir.

Triska Funeral Home, El Campo, 979-543-3681

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 11. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

First Presbyterian Church
312 Depot Street
El Campo, TX 77437

Funeral Service

APR 11. 3:00 PM (CT)

First Presbyterian Church
312 Depot Street
El Campo, TX 77437

Graveside Service

APR 12. 11:00 AM (CT)

Mount Zion Cemetery
110 Mt Zion Rd
Coldspring, TX 77331

Tribute Wall

MS

“ I visited with Madge a few weeks ago at Jalapeno's in El Campo. I am so shocked at her passing and offer condolences to her family.



Martin Strarup - April 15, 2025 at 08:55 AM

ML

“ Mindy Labay lit a candle in memory of Margaret "Madge" Williamson Vackar



Mindy Labay - April 11, 2025 at 06:29 AM

TS

“ Tammy Sommerlatte purchased the Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray for the family of Margaret "Madge" Williamson Vackar.



Tammy Sommerlatte - April 11, 2025 at 12:15 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Margaret "Madge" Williamson Vackar.

April 10, 2025 at 11:15 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Margaret "Madge" Williamson Vackar.*



April 10, 2025 at 11:15 PM



“ *Dear Doug and all the family, I was so saddened to hear of Madge's passing. You have my heartfelt sympathy at this difficult time. Though Madge was short of stature, she had a big personality and a huge heart. She was a delight to be around. I hope cherished memories of happier times spent together will comfort you in the days to come. I pray the Lord will grant you His loving peace and wrap Madge in His eternal embrace.*



Sandra Cranek - April 10, 2025 at 08:31 PM



“ *Sending prayers for healing to Madge's family. I have many memories of fun times at church with the Williamson family.*

Susie Bohning Ecklund - April 10, 2025 at 06:04 PM



“ *Lynell Ustynik lit a candle in memory of Margaret "Madge" Williamson Vackar*



Lynell Ustynik - April 10, 2025 at 05:08 PM

TF

“ The Truong Family purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Margaret "Madge" Williamson Vackar.



The Truong Family - April 10, 2025 at 04:56 PM

VQ

“ My thoughts & prayers are with you all that God will Comfort you in your loss! God bless your family & friends! RIP Madge ☐! She will be dearly missed by everyone who knew & loved her! Vicky Blair Ustynik Quijas



Vicky Quijas - April 10, 2025 at 03:26 PM

VQ

“ Vicky Quijas lit a candle in memory of Margaret "Madge" Williamson Vackar



Vicky Quijas - April 10, 2025 at 02:57 PM

JF

“ Jessica McBride- Flowserve FCD planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Margaret "Madge" Williamson Vackar.

Jessica McBride- Flowserve FCD - April 10, 2025 at 02:29 PM

JF

“ Jessica McBride- Flowserve FCD purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Margaret "Madge" Williamson Vackar.



Jessica McBride- Flowserve FCD - April 10, 2025 at 02:29 PM



“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Margaret "Madge" Williamson Vackar.



April 10, 2025 at 01:14 PM

SD

“ Doug,
So sad to hear the news of the passing of your wife. I know this will be a difficult time for your family. Keep the faith!! Sam David

SAM DAVID - April 10, 2025 at 12:28 PM

LL

“ My deepest condolences to you and your family.

Larry Lara - April 10, 2025 at 11:45 AM

JE

“ *Jeanne Elder lit a candle in memory of Margaret "Madge" Williamson Vackar*



Jeanne Elder - April 10, 2025 at 10:26 AM

JG

“ *Jaclyn G. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Margaret "Madge" Williamson Vackar.*

Jaclyn G. - April 10, 2025 at 09:29 AM

JG

“ *Jaclyn G. purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Margaret "Madge" Williamson Vackar.*



Jaclyn G. - April 10, 2025 at 09:29 AM

PM

“ *When I think of Madge, her happy, positive nature makes me smile. She will be missed. ❤️ Patti and Greg Montello*

Patti Montello - April 10, 2025 at 09:12 AM



“ *The Schmidts- Rick, Toni, Tamara, & Tate purchased the Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray for the family of Margaret "Madge" Williamson Vackar.*



The Schmidts- Rick, Toni, Tamara, & Tate - April 10, 2025 at 08:56 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Margaret "Madge" Williamson Vackar.

April 10, 2025 at 08:51 AM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Margaret "Madge" Williamson Vackar.*



April 10, 2025 at 08:51 AM



“ - *purchased the Forever Our Angel Bouquet for the family of Margaret "Madge" Williamson Vackar.*



-- April 10, 2025 at 08:46 AM

MB

“ So many wonderful memories of Madge thru the years. I know Lei was at the Pearly Gates to welcome her to the glories of Heaven. Her joy and fun spirit will always be cherish. Fly high, dear Madge. Love you beyond the clouds. Toodie

Maureen Brady - April 10, 2025 at 02:16 AM

HC

“ Holly Waligura Class lit a candle in memory of Margaret "Madge" Williamson Vackar



Holly Waligura Class - April 09, 2025 at 11:35 PM

KS

“ Rest in peace, Madge! May you and your family be blessed by God for eternity!

Kim S. - April 09, 2025 at 11:18 PM

WF

“ Williford Family purchased the Pink Potpourri Bouquet for the family of Margaret "Madge" Williamson Vackar.



Williford Family - April 09, 2025 at 10:44 PM

WF

“ Williford Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Margaret "Madge" Williamson Vackar.

Williford Family - April 09, 2025 at 10:44 PM

TN

“ May heaven accept this beautiful blessed lady into heavens arms to be with those that have preceded her. No more suffering in your worldly body- go and gain your heavenly wings and sing loud for all to hear!



toni nardini - April 09, 2025 at 10:26 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Margaret "Madge" Williamson Vackar.



April 09, 2025 at 10:20 PM

TR

“ Terry Rutherford lit a candle in memory of Margaret "Madge" Williamson Vackar



Terry Rutherford - April 09, 2025 at 09:40 PM

KK

“ *Kathy Rod Koudela lit a candle in memory of Margaret "Madge" Williamson Vackar*



Kathy Rod Koudela - April 09, 2025 at 09:14 PM

LS

“ *Liz. Staff lit a candle in memory of Margaret "Madge" Williamson Vackar*



Liz. Staff - April 09, 2025 at 08:57 PM

RG

“ *Madge was a bonus sister to my family. As we “Cudd kids” got older, we could always depend on her to boss us around to make us take care of the business at hand. We would call Madge to fuss at us when we needed it & she always made us toe the line. She was our “Tiny Enforcer!” We all loved her & will miss her terribly. Till we meet again! Heaven has gained a fine musician!*

Ramona Cudd Griffiths - April 09, 2025 at 08:25 PM

KS

“ My favorite Madge memory happened after my sister Peggy had run through the glass patio door at their house. After the glass finally stopped falling out of the metal framing, my father grabbed up Peggy who was bleeding from somewhere, and my parents took her to the hospital leaving the rest of us Cudd kids there. I started looking around to clean up the mess, and didn't see Madge anywhere, so I screamed "Where is Madge? Does anyone see Madge?" because I thought she might have been hurt, too. Suddenly, a strong voice said, "Here I are." and she carefully took a couple of steps into the light so we could see her. She couldn't have been more than 3 or 4 years old. So now Heaven has more light and another voice in the choir.

Karen Soester - April 09, 2025 at 07:50 PM

RJ

“ Rae Ann Johnson lit a candle in memory of Margaret "Madge" Williamson Vackar



Rae Ann Johnson - April 09, 2025 at 06:44 PM

PH

“ Where to begin....our families grew up together. We shared so many memories - getting together to watch "The Wizard of Oz" & popping popcorn; church choir; high school band trips. The Williamson family will always have a special place in the Cudd's family hearts. Till we meet again, Madge - gone too soon. Peggy Cudd Howell

Peggy Cudd Howell - April 09, 2025 at 05:58 PM

AM

“ Wee Madge could light up a room the minute she walked in it. I will truly miss her. My thoughts and prayers are with the family at this difficult time.



Andrea McCann - April 09, 2025 at 05:29 PM

JG

“ Jesse and Annie Gonzalez purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Margaret "Madge" Williamson Vackar.



Jesse and Annie Gonzalez - April 09, 2025 at 04:50 PM

JG

“ Jesse and Annie Gonzalez planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Margaret "Madge" Williamson Vackar.

Jesse and Annie Gonzalez - April 09, 2025 at 04:50 PM

DS

“ David & Charlene Linhart Smith lit a candle in memory of Margaret "Madge" Williamson Vackar



David & Charlene Linhart Smith - April 09, 2025 at 03:57 PM