



Candace "Candy" Van Duzer

June 23, 2026

We are deeply saddened to announce the passing of Candy Van Duzer, who left us in the early morning hours of 22 July, 2026 at the age of 79. Candy was loved by family and friends and well regarded by the community.

Born in 1947, Candy grew up in the Chicago area. After high school departed for studies at the University of Denver. In her senior year she met Charles Van Duzer and they were married on 15 December 1968.

The couple lived in Naperville, Illinois for several years before relocating to Houston.

A vibrant personality and avid talker, Candy stopped her career in Interior Design to devote her time to raising their four children. Once the kids were all in high school she became a favored substitute teacher for art and theater classes.

An avid snow skier, Candy relished annual trips to Colorado and took up tennis because of the utter lack of a decent ski area in the Houston area. Co-founder of Xanadu Kennels, Candy and her husband became successful breeders of Golden Retrievers and then Chesapeake Bay Retrievers. Over two decades of selective breeding of "Chessies" led to more than a dozen AKC Champions and a few Grand Champions, along with an award of merit from a showing at one of the Westminster Kennel Clubs prestigious shows. Of greater importance was the growing army of people who bought Xanadu bred Chessie pups and marveled at their intelligence, gentleness and companionship.

Wife, mother, grandmother, sibling, aunt and friend, Candy had many roles in her life.

May she rest in peace and continue to watch us all from Above.

The Addison family and staff of Magnolia Funeral Home extend condolences to Candi's family and friends during this difficult time.

Upcoming Events

Memorial Service

JUL 2. 3:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

YW

“ Yolanda and Mike Wood purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Candace "Candy" Van Duzer.



Yolanda and Mike Wood - Yesterday at 02:05 PM

CC

“ Candy, you were a wonderful Mother-in-law to our daughter, Jennifer and a wonderful Grandmother to her children, Cameron, Brenden and Ashton. You also were a good friend and a great tennis partner and bridge partner. Thank you for all of the fun memories.
Cheryl Clifton

Cheryl Clifton - June 24 at 03:53 PM

JD

“ You will forever be missed. Thank you for always being such a loving and wonderful mother-in-law and an amazing Nanny. You always were there to support Brenden, Cameron, & Ashton in their baseball activities. You had an infectious laugh and a beautiful smile. I will forever hold you close to my heart. We all will. Love you always and forever.
Jenny

Jennifer Van Duzer - June 23 at 04:28 PM