



## Claudia Spanjer

June 28, 1944 - February 17, 2026

With deep love and gratitude, the family of Claudia Spanjer announces her passing on February 17, 2026.

Born on June 28, 1944, Claudia grew up in Cashmere, Washington—a place she cherished so deeply that it became the backdrop for nearly every chapter of her life.

A proud graduate of Cashmere High School's Class of 1962, Claudia went on to attend Washington State University before marrying Bob Spanjer in 1964. Together, they built a life rooted in family, community, and the small-town values she held dear. Cashmere was home in every sense of the word, and it was there that she and Bob raised their two sons, Ric and Dave, aside from a short time spent in Bellevue.

Claudia poured her energy and creativity into the family business, helping grow Bob's Apple Barrel into a beloved local staple. She played a key role in developing their popular mobile concession trucks, which became a familiar sight at sporting events throughout the valley. Her commitment to her community ran deep—she hosted the Cashmere Tennis Tournaments for years, preparing a legendary spaghetti feed for more than two hundred people, and she faithfully supported her church through “fill the bus” food drives. Her entrepreneurial spirit also shone through in the antique shop she

owned and operated in Cashmere. Later, she brought her warmth and work ethic to Confluence Health, where she eventually retired.

Claudia's life was anchored by her unwavering faith in Christ and her profound love for her family. She found joy in simple, beautiful moments—sunny days at Lake Chelan and Lake Wenatchee, trips to Maui and Palm Springs, lively bunco nights, dinners shared with friends, and cheering from the sidelines as her grandchildren and great-grandchildren competed in the sports they loved. Her presence was steady, encouraging, and full of pride for the generations that followed her.

Claudia will be laid to rest in the Cashmere Cemetery beside her father, Leo. She is survived by the father of her children, Bob Spanjer; her sons Ric Spanjer (Rachel) and Dave Spanjer (Julie); her grandchildren Jason Spanjer (Kendall) and Erica Spanjer; her step-grandchildren Matt Fulbright (Becca), Jade (Adam) O'Brien, Rollen Fulbright, Rae (Brandon) Hughes, Cole Schwartz (Katie), Asa Schwartz (Danica), Dane Schwartz, and Ty Schwartz (Codi); as well as her 13 great-grandchildren, with one more on the way. She was preceded in death by her parents, Marge and Leo Cope, and her granddaughter J'lene Lewis.

A memorial service honoring Claudia's life will be held Saturday, March 7, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. at Christ Center Cashmere, 5800 Kimber Rd, Cashmere, WA.

Condolences may be sent to Heritage Memorial Chapel, 204 Cottage Ave, Cashmere, WA 98815.

In lieu of flowers, the family invites donations to be made to Christ Center Cashmere at: <https://pushpay.com/g/christcentercashmere>

Arrangements by Heritage Memorial Chapel, Cashmere, WA.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

MAR 7. 11:00 AM (PT)

Christ Center Church  
5800 Kimber Rd  
Cashmere, WA 98815

# Tribute Wall



“ *Heritage Memorial Chapel Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Claudia Spanjer*



Heritage Memorial Chapel Funeral Home - March 05 at 11:31 AM



“ *We met Claudia when my mom moved to Avamere in Wenatchee over 2 years ago. Claudia greeted us with open arms, a huge heart and the best sense of humor. My sister and I loved going to visit mom and Claudia. She made us smile, laugh and she has a special place in our hearts. We lost our mom last October, a huge void and now even bigger with losing our dear friend. We wish we would have had a lifetime with Claudia. She was priceless to us. Lynelle Johnson*

Lynelle Johnson - February 27 at 10:51 PM



“ *Our deepest condolences during this incredibly difficult time. Our hearts and prayers are with you and your family as you navigate this profound loss. May you find comfort in the love, memories, and support that surround you. The Franck family 🌸*



Lydia Franck - February 25 at 07:32 AM



“ *Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of Claudia Spanjer.*



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February 24 at 09:13 PM



“ *Claudia was my dear friend and tennis partner ( we have a trophy). She loved Cashmere and her family so much and was so proud of her boys, Ric and Dave. She was witty and funny and kind and loving. What a loss for our little community.*

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**Patti Davis** - February 23 at 11:05 PM