



Carol Beth Cranstoun

April 14, 1932 - August 11, 2026

Springfield, Missouri

Carol Beth Cranstoun of Springfield died on August 11, 2026 at the age of 94. Born on April 14, 1932, with Finnish-American roots that shaped the table more than the flag. She learned early that a day is something you finish, not something you wait for.

She packed shrimp that had to outlast the Gulf's argument with heat. A peel-room glove clip kept hands ready for the next hold. Colleagues still mention a peel-room glove clip.

She and George married in 1956 and raised three daughters without needing an audience. After George's death in 2019, she held to quiet habits-coffee before dawn, a tended yard, a voice on the phone that still checked in.

Neighbors remember covered dishes that arrived without a speech. She preferred the hour before a town fully wakes. Springfield was home enough that she never rehearsed an introduction. The key is still under the same brick.

What remains is not a legend but a practice: showing up, keeping a promise, leaving a place better than you found it. Her life was the kind America is built from and too often forgets to name.

Services

A quiet remembrance in Springfield. Those who wish may give to a neighborhood library, food pantry, or workers' aid fund instead of flowers.

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