



Grace Mae Cranston

July 28, 1955 - July 23, 2025

Spokane, Washington

Grace Mae Cranston died in Spokane on July 23, 2025. She was 69. Born July 28, 1955 in Spokane, carrying Swedish-American stories that arrived without footnotes. Early on, she decided that a paycheck and a handshake should weigh the same.

She spliced rope that would not forgive a bad lay. A splice shop marlinspike wiped taught apprentices to wait. Colleagues still mention a splice shop marlinspike wiped.

In 1981 she married Frank. The marriage was not a speech; it was groceries, repairs, and one son walked to school in weather that did not care. When Frank died in 2018, she kept what still worked: the early walk, the small garden, the call on Sundays.

Neighbors remember coffee offered before questions. She liked early mornings before the heat or the noise. She died in Spokane, among streets she never needed to explain. The lunch pail still waits by the back door.

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

Services in Spokane will be simple: stories, coffee, and the names of people who showed up. Flowers optional; support for a local clinic or trade scholarship preferred.

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