



## Gail Marie Hankel

February 23, 1947 - December 22, 2025

Gail Marie Hankel, aged 78, passed away on December 22, 2025, in Vancouver, WA. She was born on February 23, 1947, in Wahpeton, ND, to Severt and Gladys Jacobson.

Gail graduated from Fort Vancouver High School in 1965 and continued her education at Clark College, Seattle University, and Marylhurst University, where she furthered her passion for sports, education, and working with youth.

Surviving Gail are her children, Julie Christian (Aaron) and Greg Hankel (Tristan); her grandchildren, Cameron Williams, Evan Christian, Connor Christian, and Grace Hankel. She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Jim Hankel; her sisters, Corrine Shepley and Joann Jacobson; her brother, Jim Jacobson, and her parents, Severt and Gladys.

Gail's hobbies included socializing with others and closely following her favorite sports teams, including the Seattle Seahawks and Mariners. Her creativity and enthusiasm brought joy to many. Gail was known for her kind, loving, and humorous nature. She loved her family and especially her grandchildren more than anything. Many thanks to the wonderful care staff at Bonaventure Salmon Creek, who loved Gail for the last three years.

A Memorial Service will be held in her honor on Saturday, January 10th, 2026, at 1 PM at St. Andrew Lutheran Church in Vancouver, WA. Gail's life and legacy will be remembered fondly by all who knew her.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

JAN 10. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (PT)

St. Andrew Lutheran Church  
5607 NE Gher Rd  
Vancouver, WA 98662

# Tribute Wall

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“ *So much laughter! I treasure you all. God Bless you, my prayers are with you in this difficult time. Love, Aunt Fern Axelson* ”



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