



Audrey Claxton

October 1, 1933 - November 30, 2025

Audrey Pinch Claxton, 92, died on November 30, 2025, after a two year walk with dementia. Born October 1, 1933, in Ormesby, Yorkshire, England, to James and Winifred Pinch, Audrey never met a dare she didn't take. When told it would be impossible to marry in Paris, she and Allen Claxton did exactly that. They spent the next few years roaming post-war Europe on the back of a Vespa, equal parts romance and recklessness.

They lived in Spain for several years, where Audrey developed her beautiful Castilian Spanish and discovered, somewhat ironically, spaghetti, which became her favorite food. The couple later settled in Canada before moving to the United States, but Audrey never lost her appetite for travel, adventure, or saying yes before thinking it through.

A voracious reader of westerns and spy novels, Audrey was also a devoted knitter and an enthusiastic, if experimental, gardener. One year's harvest yielded nothing but six square feet of mint, which she accepted philosophically, making mint jelly for the entire neighborhood.

She loved golden retrievers, a proper cup of tea, and cooking for friends and family. Upon moving into a retirement community, she joyfully discovered she also loved not cooking. Audrey loved her family fiercely. Dementia stripped away memory and time; it took her words and reordered her world, but the

love remained untouched. In her final days, when she could no longer speak, her eyes still brightened the moment her daughter and granddaughter entered the room.

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A Celebration of Life will be held Monday, Dec 15 at 3 pm at Emmanuel Episcopal Church, 9 S. Bompert, St Louis, MO 63119.

In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Audrey can be sent to Midwives for Haiti

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

DEC 15. 3:00 PM (cst)

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