



## Constance "Connie" Freese

May 15, 1956 - July 9, 2025

Constance Joyce Freese passed July 9th in Covallis Oregon aged 69. She was born to Fred Harold and June Madelyn Freese on May 15 1956 in Watertown South Dakota. Her family moved to and resided in Bloomington MN. She graduated from Thomas Jefferson High School where she was a member of the orchestra playing the clarinet. She attended Normandale Community College in Liberal Arts and later Denver Community College where she completed the Paralegal Program.

Connie was an accomplished individual with a diverse professional life. She was assistant manager of Lord Fletchers of the Lake restaurant in Minneapolis MN. then operations Manager for various restaurant and night clubs in Larimer Square, Denver CO. She was General Manager and Merchandise buyer for MGM clothing at two women`s specialty boutiques in Scottsdale AZ. and met the Marciano brothers, founders of Guess Jeans. Returning to Denver she was General manager for DFC corporation where she handled funding, licensing and financial aspects related to launching other full service restaurants. Connie changed careers and became a litigation paralegal practicing in Denver and Minneapolis then moved to Seattle WA. where she worked in medical malpractice insurance defense and, at a bus stop, met her husband to whom she was married for 32 years. From there she moved to Fallbrook CA. and transformed into a real estate agent retiring at age 60 to move to Newburyport on the north shore of MA and lastly back to the west coast. Connies` friends are legion; she enjoyed learning about

people and made friends easily. In Fallbrook she was an active member of the Fallbrook Land Conservancy and developed into a discerning and observant naturalist. In the Land Conservancy she became an Emerald Grove member and was awarded a Gem of a Volunteer award for her efforts founding a group dedicated to dog walkers and fundraising to support Los Jilgueros and Hellers Bend preserves. She was also President of the Democratic Club of greater Fallbrook. Connie had a multitude of gay friends and enjoyed dancing and camping with them. It was from her gay friends she learned makeup skills in her youth. Tragically she lost all of them to the AIDS epidemic and its follow on consequences. Connie learned to love dogs and cats adopting Rupert and Casper after the passing of one of these friends and became a devoted pet mother and advocate for the rest of her life. Her interests included geopolitics particularly espionage and spycraft; reading OSS,CIA,MI5 history and historical novels. A fan of mystery and police procedural she was captivated by film noir, appreciating the writings of Eric Ambler, Raymond Chandler and Dashiell Hammett. She read the entire output of John Sandford, some novels multiple times. She was elegant, a fashionable dresser with a rakish flair and utilized scarfs to great effect. Connie had an active sense of humor, enjoyed the outdoors, long road trips through the American Plains and Southwest and loved cows. She is survived by two sisters, a brother, a bereaved husband, a dalmatian Leopold, and Hecate-Phosphoro, cat.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Brett and family,*

*I'm writing to share my deepest condolences and to let you know you have all my love and support. God is not a taker; rather, he gently calls home those whose hearts have loved deeply, whose mission on earth is fulfilled, and whose souls shine brightest. Connie is now in our eternal home, Heaven, where love never fades and there is no pain!*



*If I may offer one small piece of comfort, it is this: buy a hummingbird feeder. There are beautiful legends about hummingbirds, and in my own seasons of grief, they brought me peace. Each time I saw them, it reminded me of my loved ones and in a way, felt their presence through them. Perhaps they can bring you the same quiet comfort, helping you carry Connie's memory in a way that feels light and full of life.*

*Death is not the end; it is a bridge we all must cross: one that leads us back to the ones we love. Today I celebrate Connie's life! My prayers and all my love are with you. 🙏👉*

*Graham and Maria Modrell*

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**Maria Fernanda Modrell Fetzer** - August 11, 2025 at 03:33 PM

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“ *She will be greatly missed. One of the smartest people I have ever known. Her ability to drill down to the crux of an issue and utilize the appropriate levers to affect a solution was amazing. Our hearts break....*

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**Jason Modrell** - August 11, 2025 at 02:09 PM

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“ *I was so sorry to hear about your loss. Please know that my thoughts are with you during this difficult time. May you find comfort in the love and support of those around you, and strength in the memories you hold close to your heart.*

*With deepest sympathy  
Patti*



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**Patti Johnson** - July 27, 2025 at 12:52 PM