



## Sondra Lenore (Civello) Mitchell

June 7, 1947 - December 15, 2025

Sondra L. Civello (Mitchell), 78, of Yakima, passed away unexpectedly on December 15, 2025, with her daughter by her side.

She was born in Yakima, Washington to Fred and Marjorie Zimmer. She attended WVSD for many years and moved to Toppenish with her family, graduating from Toppenish High School with the class of 1965. As a child, she enjoyed caring for and showing horses and was involved in 4-H.

She married Robert Civello and together they had a daughter Sonja. The marriage dissolved and Sondra and Sonja began their journey together through life. She was beyond dedicated and her work ethic was like no other. She made many sacrifices in her life and often held two or three jobs just so she could provide a happy childhood for her daughter. She never missed a single sporting event that Sonja participated in. From swimming, basketball, tennis, and volleyball, both high school and college, she was there. She would even go and watch Sonja coach or ref because she was so proud. Sondra lived a very low-maintenance life. We didn't have a lot of THINGS, but what she had to give was TIME. She always made time for the ones she loved. Her life was fulfilled when Sonja married Bob Bossert almost thirty-three years ago. She was absolutely in love with that boy. We would often tease that she loved her son-in-law more than her own daughter. She would laugh, but as I am writing this...come to think of it, she never did deny it! Giggle. Together the three of them spent countless hours together, even going on one of their honeymoon trips with them! NO JOKE!

Sondra graduated from Yakima Business School and worked much of her life as a bookkeeper for the Sybouts family. After her retirement, she was able to volunteer weekly in Sonja's classroom, which was the highlight of her week. The children loved seeing her every time she came in and would all run to her and hug her as she entered.

Later in her life, she met and married Frank. They enjoyed each other's company until his untimely passing.

The last three years of her life, she enjoyed a special friendship with Duffy. Together they exercised, played pool, bowled, participated in numerous car shows, and vacationed in Hawaii. Sondra loved life, nature, the simple things, the four seasons, and most of all, handwritten correspondence. She was also stubborn and would not learn the computer, had a flip phone, and would not give up her landline!

Her laughter, compassion, kindness, ability to love all people and animals will be forever missed but never forgotten. She was the hardest worker I have ever known, never stopping. She will forever watch over the ones she loved. Goodbye Mom. You raised a very strong little girl. You may rest now. My Bob and I will be okay. We will see you again someday.

# Tribute Wall

AD

“ Kellie Radke added a comment:

*I am so sorry for your your loss. Sondra was an exceptionally loving soul. I will truly miss her.*

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**adrianna** - January 07 at 01:52 PM

AD

“ Sylvia Steinloski added a comment:

*Sonja, I am so sorry for the loss of your momma. Hugs and prayers.*

*Love, Sylvia*

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**adrianna** - January 07 at 01:50 PM

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“ Jerry and Bonnie Moore added a comment:

*Sondra was like a younger sister to us. She joined us in coffee together with neighbors every Wednesday morning at the fire station, and dinner together every Saturday evening. Sondra made everything better; friendships, sharing food, laughter, helpfulness, and car clubs. She was a dynamo of energy and her presence will be greatly missed by many. Our thoughts of condolences are with the family and all those who loved her.*

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**adrianna** - January 07 at 01:48 PM

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“ Sondra was my friend, I loved her dearly. We met during a function with the Sun Country Mustang Club. We will miss Sondra. I am so sorry for your loss.

Sandy Teegarden - January 02 at 01:24 AM

JL

“ Julie Lundberg lit a candle in memory of Sondra Lenore (Civello) Mitchell



Julie Lundberg - December 30, 2025 at 09:40 PM

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Julie Lundberg - December 30, 2025 at 09:36 PM

JL

“ We remember Sondra's kind heart. She helped us so much when my grandmother Betty Zimmer was aging and eventually passed away. Sondra was so supportive and always willing to lend a listening ear whenever we needed it. We will miss her genuine smile and bubbly personality.

Joanne & Julie Lundberg

Julie Lundberg - December 30, 2025 at 09:35 PM

JL

“ *Sondra was my cousin. Her dad and my dad were brothers. We lost track of each other but in the past years we were back on track. She was the most wonderful person, she would go see my mom in the hospital, in the nursing homes and at her apartment at Brookdale. When my mom past she helped me clean out her apartment and to this day I don't know what I would have not done without her. She was a hard worker and a very very caring person with the a smile always. I love you Sondra and Ed Zimmer and I will truly miss you.*

*Joanne Zimmer Lundberg And Ed Zimmer*

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**Joanne Lundberg** - December 28, 2025 at 01:55 PM

GS

“ *Sondra was THE COOLEST BABYSITTER of all time. My brother and I are always grateful for her letting us play a little bit past our bedtime.*

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**Gregory Sybouts** - December 23, 2025 at 06:29 PM

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*So precious. She loved the Sybouts children so very much.*

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**limitbynine2** - January 07 at 03:21 PM

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“ *I remember Sondra as always having a kind word and a smile for all. She will be greatly missed; especially by the street rod community*

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**Karen Schoonover** - December 19, 2025 at 01:30 PM