



Barbara J. Johnson

January 31, 1937 - October 7, 2023

Longtime Butte resident, Barbara Joanne Johnson passed away Saturday, October 7, 2023 at Peace Hospice in Great Falls, Montana.

Barbara was born Sunday, January 31, 1937 in Boston, Massachusetts to Irvin R. and Evelyn D. (Peterson) Dubendorf. The family moved west when Barbara was very small and she was educated in Washington and Montana, graduating high school in Livingston, Montana.

She married Martell Duane “Bob” Johnson on July 22, 1958 in Bozeman, Montana and together they made their home in Butte where he worked for the Montana Power Company. Barbara was a very determined woman who accomplished anything she set her mind to. She worked at the Boulder River School for several years and later drove over the road truck with Bob. She was one of the first women truckers and very involved in CB communications. She was instrumental in starting Treasure State CB Club and was an accomplished competitor in all things equestrian. She broke horses that were said unbreakable, she excelled in barrel racing and was a highly respected breeder of English Bulldogs and Yorkies. She and Bob were very involved in the creation of the Spirit of Columbia Gardens Carousel and together carved the lead horse, “Star Gazer”.

Barbara is preceded in death by her husband Bob who passed away

November 14, 2005 and her daughter, Robin Johnson Eli. She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Julie and Dwight McCormack of Yakima, Washington, son and daughter-in-law, Derek and Sheri Johnson of California and Butte, granddaughter, Korrin Johnson of Butte, grandsons, Michael and Brandon Eli, son-in-law, Rob Eli and numerous nieces and nephews including Bill Cowdrey.

Mrs. Johnson's remains are in Wayrynen-Richards Funeral Home where funeral services will be conducted Monday, October 16th at 10 am with Pastor Sarah Schilcher officiating. Interment will be in Mount Moriah Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Spirit of Columbia Gardens Carousel.

Cemetery Details

Mount Moriah Cemetery

2415 S. Montana Street
Butte, MT 59701

Previous Events

Funeral Service

OCT **16**. 10:00 AM (MT)

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