



Carol Rose Eddy

July 18, 1938 - November 22, 2025

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It is with deep sorrow that we announce the passing on November 22nd 2025 of Carol Rose Eddy, a devoted mother, grandmother, great grandmother, great great grandmother, sister, aunt, and friend. Carol was born in Festus, Missouri on July 18, 1938, to Elmer and Thelma Baur Schrader. She passed surrounded by the love of family and the legacy of a life lived in service to others.

Family and survivors

Carol was the first daughter and third child of Elmer and Thelma, joining her older brothers Elmer Jr and Eddie. Younger siblings Margaret, Clyde (Mike) and Jimmy followed. She was preceded in death by her parents; husbands Raymond J. Crowley, James M. Bourassa and Frank B. Eddy; brothers Elmer, his wife Marina and youngest brother Jimmy ; sons in law Roy George and Dave Cantwell; and her grandson Charlie Cantwell.

She is survived by:

1. Siblings: Eddie (Juana), Margaret (Glenn), and Clyde (Dana) and their families.
2. Children: Jeri, Loretta, Carol (Clyde), Donna (Rick), Lisa (George), and Brenda (Matt).
3. Grandchildren: Ruben, Tina (Tom), Angelia (Randy), Caitlin, Chelsea, Christiana, Jennifer (Pat), Patrick, Adam (Shawna), Eric (Maci), Grand Daughter in law Carrie Cantwell, Nathan, and Natalie.

4. Great grandchildren: Mickenzie (Chase), Nicholas, Aurora, Stephan, Aaliyah, Sarah, Evan, Malaya, Danny, Leo, Joe, Margherita, Athena, Annalisa, L.J., Angelo, Jaxon, and Lily.
5. Great great grandchildren: Gracelyn, Mayleigh, Raylee, Easton, and Rowen.
6. Numerous cousins, nieces, nephews, her loving Fur Baby Kayla and many whom she adopted into the family through her open heart and hospitality. Javier Reynoso and Kim Williamson .. you and your families held a special place in Mom's heart and were truly considered family!

Early life and memories

Carol's earliest years were spent on the family farm near St. Louis, Missouri. Those years left cherished memories — the blacksmith shop where she loved to spend time with her Uncle Clark E. Vollmer (who affectionately nicknamed her "Sissy Biscuits"), the garden where she and her brother Eddie would sneak fresh ears of corn and eat them right off the cob. In 1945 the family relocated to Butte, Montana, where Carol attended local schools.

A lifelong example of spirited determination, Carol once performed "Pistol Packing Mama" for a first grade show and tell, much to the dismay of her teacher — and then walked over and reclaimed an apple she had offered the same teacher that morning. That early independence and spunk remained with her throughout life.

As the oldest daughter, Carol often served as a second mother to her younger siblings, taking on responsibilities to care for them, ensure they were fed, clothed, and getting to school. Her brother Clyde remembered: "Your Mom was a very special person. She watched over me while I was having a less than desirable life growing up. Without her I doubt I would have made it. She scolded me and encouraged me. I loved my big Sis, I will miss her."

Marriage, children, and family life

Carol married Raymond J. Crowley in September 1954 in Butte, Montana. From that marriage came four children: Jeri Lee, Loretta Margaret, Carol Rae,

and Donna Michelle. The marriage ended in divorce in 1964. She later married James M. Bourassa, and their daughter Lisa Lynn was born. That marriage also ended in divorce. In 1976 Carol married Frank B. Eddy and added another daughter when she became Step Mom to Frank's daughter Brenda Eddy; she remained married to Frank until his passing in 1997. Carol worked hard throughout her life. From a teen job at a movie theatre, to writing ads for the phone company, to waitressing while raising a young family and taking night classes, she later became one of the first women loan officers at Home Federal Savings and Loan in Helena, Montana, in the 1970s. She and Frank later owned and ran the Scandia Bar.

Carol had an adventurous spirit .. with a childlike enthusiasm to try new things and go on adventures with her daughters.. she took her first international trip to Italy when she was 69 years old fulfilling a life long dream .. hers was a planes , trains, and gondola's odyssey across every region. She made many pilgrimages to the Holy sites , churches and Basilica's being profoundly moved to stand in the places where so much of Christ's history took place. At 78 she made her first trip to Hawaii. While on a boat snorkeling excursion with her daughters .. she was content at first to sit onboard and watch as we swam and played .. soon we looked up and saw that she was moving down the platform wrapped in a life belt holding a floating viewing box in her hand .. as we swam back to the boat to see what she was doing we caught up to her just in time to watch her launch off the platform and take off.. she was like a little motor boat having the time of her life!

At 80 she trekked down to Lava Hot Springs but declined to go on the inner tubes down the Portneuf River!

Throughout the many seasons of her life, Carol's home was a center of welcome and comfort. Her sister Margaret captured this perfectly: "Carol's home was always a welcoming place where any time of the night or day a cup of coffee, a meal or even a place to sleep was waiting." Because of her generous nature, Carol became an adopted mother, grandmother, and aunt to

many people who needed a safe, loving place.

Talents, faith, and community

Carol was a woman of many strengths and gifts. She was foremost a woman of faith .. a true and devoted servant of the Lord. She was multitalented, artistic and crafty, an extraordinary seamstress who could create nearly anything imagined — from repairs to full garments and matching sets — and was known for quilting and making clothing for outreach efforts to support people in impoverished countries. She was also an excellent cook who could reverse engineer recipes so that the results tasted equal to or better than the original.

Her competitive spirit found happy outlets at the family Scrabble board, cribbage table, and pinochle circle. Family members recall that it was a rare occasion to best her at Scrabble — and if you did, she'd welcome the challenge with a grin and an eager rematch.

Carol's faith and generosity touched many. She gave freely of her time, skills, and home to church and community projects and modeled a life of service, humility, and love for her family and others.

A life remembered

Carol taught her children and grandchildren the importance of family, respect, honesty, and a strong work ethic. She was a steady presence in times of need and a source of joy, laughter, and practical wisdom in everyday life. Her family remembers her as not only a mother, but a best friend, teacher, comforter, and fierce supporter.

Her legacy lives on in the countless people she welcomed, in the garments and quilts she made, in the recipes she perfected, and in the memories of those who were blessed to know her.

A loving farewell

To Carol we say: thank you. Thank you for your kindness, your craft, your hospitality, and your unwavering love. We will carry you in our hearts always. Until we meet again, may God wrap you in His arms and may you dance among the angels in Heaven.

Memorial and services

Memorial services for Carol will be conducted Friday, January 23rd at 11 AM in Gold Hill Lutheran Church and a reception will follow in Gold Hill Fellowship Hall. In lieu of flowers, donations in Carol's memory may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital or other charitable organizations that assist people in need.

Cemetery Details

Holy Cross Cemetery

4700 Harrison Avenue
Butte, MT 59701

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JAN 23. 11:00 AM (MT)

Gold Hill Lutheran Church
934 Placer Street
Butte, MT 59701

Tribute Wall

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“ Rose, Richard and The Crowley's purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Carol Rose Eddy.



Rose, Richard and The Crowley's - January 21 at 06:56 PM

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“ Carol was a beautiful, kind lady. Carol was married to my brother Frank Eddy. We had many good times at their house.

Rena Reilly - December 03, 2025 at 12:46 PM

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I spent many hours at my Auntie Carol and uncle Franks house. My cousin Carl and I help paint their home. Carol had many additional brothers and sisters who loved her dearly. Fly high and enjoy your heavenly home

Rebecca A Eddy - December 05, 2025 at 04:31 PM



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