



James Robert Uzlic

March 19, 1941 - January 17, 2021

James Robert Uzlic 79, passed away at peace Sunday January 17, 2021 at St. Patrick Hospital in Missoula, Mt. James was born Wed, March 19, 1941 to Manya “Blackie” and Marie (Zerbe) Uzlic. He attended Butte high school and graduated in 1959. He then attended the University of Montana for a short time, until he entered the US Air Force. James served his country during the Vietnam War from 1966 till 1971. He completed his service from the Air Force with honorable discharge from Luke Air Force Base. After his service James learned the refrigeration service trade and started Butte Refrigeration. After several years of owning his own business, James was employed by Lee’s Refrigeration of Helena and then Butte Tin. James retired from Nichol’s sheet metal in 2002. James was a member of the Sheet Metal Workers Union. James loved the outdoors. James was raised in the country. He grew up around livestock all his life. He was a member of the 4H club where he took pride in raising cows that mostly became his close pets. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, horseback riding and bowling. He was especially proud of his 1981 Montana State doubles championship that he earned with his best friend Harry Shaffer.

James is preceded in death by his parents Manya and Marie Uzlic, Aunt Martha Stewart, Uncle Bob Uzlic, Aunt Mischa Bigovich and nephew Steven Plate.

James is survived by his Love Laura Wine of Butte, his Loving Sister Martha Jean (Carl) Plate of Tuscaloosa, Al, his Son James Uzlic of Butte MT, his

Daughters, Tami Sheffield of Layton, UT, and Monica (Kenny) Talkington of Xenia, OH, Deann Johnson and Christen (Jim) Gilman of Butte MT, and nieces Susan Plate and Cindy (John) London, and cousin John Stewart and grandchildren; Leisha (Darin) Power, Jonathan and Joseph Sheffield, Isaiah and Maria Talkington, and Tyler Jozovich.

Cremation has taken place. Memorial services will be conducted Friday morning at 10 AM in Wayrynen-Richards Funeral home with Deacon John Uggetti officiating. Interment will follow in Sunset Memorial Park. The family has planned a gathering for family and friends of James at the Butte Plaza Inn (Hopps Lounge) at 1PM. Please feel free to come and share stories and memories.

Cemetery Details

Sunset Memorial Park

16 miles west of Butte
Butte, MT 59701

Previous Events

Service

JAN 22. 10:00 AM (MT)

Wayrynen-Richards Funeral Home
1800 Florence Ave
Butte, MT 59701
(406) 723-3221
<https://wayrynen-richards.com/>

Tribute Wall

TS

“ I love you Dad. It's hard to believe it's been 5 years already. I miss seeing and texting you dad. Thanks for being in my life and bringing me to earth. I love your and my memories being together. You're special Dad. I'm glad I got to talk to you on the cell before you died. (I had COVID and pneumonia and went to the hospital to check me in. Laura Wine loves you very much too.

Tami S Sheffield - November 30, 2025 at 05:17 PM

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“ Jim was one of the good people. Always kind, honest and sincere. He and Harry will have some good times together again. Rest in Peace Jim

Mark Hodges - January 28, 2021 at 12:15 AM

TS

Thank you for sharing this. It's always good to hear what others say fun things about my Dad.

Tami S Sheffield - November 30, 2025 at 06:06 PM

RM


“ You and Harry have fun in HEAVEN . The best of the best, Sympathy to Family and Friends, REST IN PEACE Sincerely Rich and Marge McEwen.

rich mcewen - January 22, 2021 at 02:08 AM

TS

Thank you for sharing your memories about Harry. They always had fun. I'm glad you got to know my Dad.

Tami S Sheffield - November 30, 2025 at 06:09 PM



Mary
Delaney

“ *Uzlic family, sending sincere sympathy. I have fond memories of Jim, when he would visit his Mother at the Crest. We would talk and have many laughs. Prayers and sympathy. Mary Ann Delaney.*

Mary Delaney - January 21, 2021 at 04:25 PM