



## Joyce R. Williamson

February 10, 1938 - February 18, 2025

Joyce R. Williamson, 87, of Butte, Montana, passed away peacefully on February 18, 2025 surrounded by her loving family. As the cherished matriarch of her family, Joyce was the foundation of love, guidance, and strength for generations. Her warmth, compassion, and unwavering devotion to her loved ones will leave an enduring legacy.

Joyce was born on February 10, 1938, to William and Helmi (Pesola) Nichols in Butte, where she grew up and attended local schools. She later earned her nursing degree from Butte Vocational Tech, embarking on a career that reflected her compassionate and selfless nature.

Joyce married, William “Buzz” Williamson, on March 31, 1955 and together they built a beautiful family. She was the proud and devoted mother of three sons: Bill, Ed, and Jimmy. Known for her deep sense of family, Joyce lovingly helped raise not only her boys but also played a close role in the lives of her extended Boggs family children.

She is reunited in peace with her parents, William and Helmi Nichols; her husband, Buzzy; and her sons Billie Jo and Eddy. Joyce’s legacy lives on in her surviving family: her son Jimmy (Becky) Williamson; her beloved grandchildren Nate, Ryan, Chaz, and Mariah; her cherished great-grandchildren Baylen and Kierra, and her Boggs children, Marvin (Janet) Boggs & children, Patty Boggs & (Darrell) Longfox, Mike (Penny) Boggs & children, Edna Allison & children, Alta Boggs & children.

Joyce will be remembered for her unwavering love of family, her selflessness,

and her ability to create a sense of home wherever she went. Her family will receive friends beginning Friday morning, February 21st at 10 o'clock in Holy Spirit Catholic Church where funeral mass will be celebrated at 11 o'clock. A reception will follow at the McQueen Club from 1-5pm.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests that donations be made to a charity or organization of your choice honoring Joyce's lifelong spirit of care and generosity.

She would want us to raise a glass and toast to her life, honoring the love, laughter, and happiness she shared with everyone around her.

# Cemetery Details

## Holy Cross Cemetery

4700 Harrison Avenue  
Butte, MT 59701

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 21. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (MT)

Holy Spirit Catholic Church  
3930 East Lake Drive  
Butte, MT 59701

## Funeral Mass

FEB 21. 11:00 AM (MT)

Holy Spirit Catholic Church  
3930 East Lake Drive  
Butte, MT 59701

# Tribute Wall



“ Jimmy, Patti, Mike and family. I am sorry to see the passing of your mom & Aunt. I am sending prayers of peace.

Tammy Cerise - April 09, 2025 at 06:42 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Joyce R. Williamson.



February 20, 2025 at 04:58 PM



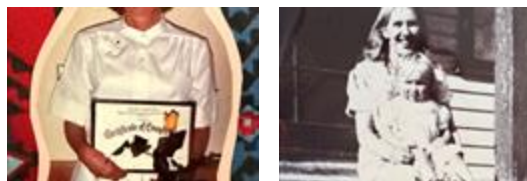
“ Love from all Kittens family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Joyce R. Williamson.



Love from all Kittens family - February 20, 2025 at 03:19 PM



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“ Oh, beloved and beautiful Auntie Joyce. How very dearly you are loved, and how deeply you are missed. My mother, Bertha Nichols Allen, is Joyce’s oldest sibling. Joyce’s parents, William and Helma Pesola Nichols, are my grandparents. In the midst of this time of sorrow, it is comforting to think of Joyce reuniting in Heaven with her parents, and her siblings, Bertha Nichols Allen, William Jackson (aka Jack) Nichols, Helena Nichols Barney, and Donna Nichols Neighbor.

*With love always and forever,*

*Your niece, Patti Allen*

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**Patti Allen** - February 20, 2025 at 03:28 AM

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*To My Wonderful Aunt Joyce:*

*You were loved more than the moon. I enjoyed our family picnics at Sheepshead with you and Uncle Buzz. My mom, Donna Nichols Neighbor, your sister and my dad James Neighbor enjoyed having coffee and visiting with you at kitchen table. Uncle Buzz would always try to take my bottle away saying I was too old for that nipple. Aunt Joyce and my mom’s God-mother Gertie Boggs would give it back to me. Sweet memories of a long gone era. I will miss the Christmas cards with your sweet messages. Thanks for everything. Your nephew  
Todd Edward Neighbor*

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**Todd Neighbor** - February 20, 2025 at 12:11 PM