



## Lillian Rose Tate

May 22, 1933 - March 24, 2025

Lillian Rose Tate passed away Monday, March 24th, 2025 at The Springs, in Butte. She was born May 22, 1933 in Hamilton, Montana to Lawrence J. and Angelina R. (Bosket) Ruffatto. She was raised on a ranch in the Bitterroot area and graduated from Corvallis High School. Lillian furthered her education at the Spokane Business College.

On April 29, 1953 she and Alvin J. “Bud” Tate were married in Butte. Together they made their home in Butte and raised two sons. Lillian worked as a secretary and bookkeeper at the Sheep Shearers Merchandise for most of 30 years and retired on August 31, 1998. She and Alvin enjoyed activities with the Road Angels Hot Rod Club, racing at Lost Creek Raceway, camping, fishing, hunting, snowmobiling and motorcycling. She enjoyed league bowling and served as league secretary for many years, and was an active member of the YMCA. Lillian enjoyed her solitary time reading romance novels by her favorite author Kat Martin with a glass of wine. Lillian was also known for her exceptional talent of oil painting wildlife, western cowboy scenes, Native Americans, and anything that struck her interest at the time, as well as many pen and ink sketches. Lil also found much joy tending to the rock garden she created. Every excursion into the outdoors resulted in many rocks being squirreled away for the trip home and later addition to the garden.

Lillian is preceded in death by her husband Alvin “Bud” Tate who passed away December 27, 2013, her parents and her sister, Josephine.

She is survived by her sons and daughters-in-law, Bret and Rita Tate of Stevensville and Doug and Kristy Tate of Butte. Also surviving are her grandchildren, Brian Konicki and Lisa Aguda, great-grandchildren, Adam, James, Alyssa and Nathan and her brother, Larry Ruffatto and Carol of Ronan.

Cremation has taken place. No services are planned at this time.

# Tribute Wall

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“*Doug & Bret,  
We are so sorry for your loss. Our parents have such special memories with your parents, riding motorcycles and having great fun. You are in our thoughts and prayers.*

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**Lori Matich** - April 01, 2025 at 10:26 AM

LJ

“*Dear Doug & Family - Sending sympathy to all of you. My mom always enjoyed visiting with your mom across the alley. Please know you are in our thoughts during this difficult time. Take care, the Jory Family.*

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**Linda Jory** - March 31, 2025 at 03:40 PM

JP

“*Bret & Doug -  
I'm so very sorry to hear of your Mom's news and offer our deepest condolences. She, along with your dad, were super good friends with my mom and dad and it's nice to know that she is back together with him again.*

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**Joe & Angela Pagliero** - March 29, 2025 at 12:32 PM

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“*RIP Lil.  
We had many good times with Bud and Lil.  
Sorry for your loss. ❤️*

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**Sue Dinius** - March 27, 2025 at 02:37 AM



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**Wayrynen-Richards Funeral Home - March 26, 2025 at 07:01 PM**