



## Mary Ellen Butala

October 13, 1933 - July 18, 2021

Mom

Mary Ellen Butala

Friday, October 13, 1933—Sunday, July 18, 2021

Mary was Born to John Jacob Isaacson and Ellen Rose McMahon Isaacson in a farmhouse near Mountain Iron Minnesota, she was the second of four children all born in the same house and all delivered by their grandmother Isaacson. When she was 6 years old her father came to Montana to find work. After finding work in the mines, he sent money for the family to move to Butte and they settled down in a small house next to the Anselmo mine yard on Edison Street. She attended local schools and graduated from Butte High in 1951. On September 5, 1952 she married Raymond Joseph Butala and had two sons, Robert and James. The love of her life Ray passed away in 2012. Her working career included time spent with Currie Buick, Wilson Motor, Shamrock Motors and retiring from Montana Livestock in 1988. She and Ray loved to spend time with family and friends at Canyon Ferry boating and water skiing. Mom excelled at making sure every first-time water skier was successful at getting up. Also, Jeepin', hunting and snowmobiling all over Montana were favorite pastimes, not forgetting that many of us were rescued by them from various situations. They also traveled extensively in their changing fleet of campers and motor homes across the continent, trips to the Islands and the occasional road trip to Jackpot with 'Uncle Louie'. She is survived by sons Bob and wife Terri, Jim and wife Lynn, their daughter

Melissa, husband Jeff Dahood and their sons Wade and Brett, and their son Michael Butala, wife Casey and their daughter and son Harleigh and Hank, Brother Bob Issacson and wife Alberta, sister Shirley, numerous nieces, nephews, great nieces, great nephews great-great nieces and nephews, many cousins, foster son Brandt Thomas and her special cousin Dorothy Cummings. The family also wishes to thank the Butte Cancer Center and Highlands Hospice for their special care.

Cremation has taken place. Memorial services will be conducted Wednesday, July 28th at 11 AM in Wayrynen-Richards Funeral Home.

# Cemetery Details

## Holy Cross Cemetery

4700 Harrison Avenue  
Butte, MT 59701

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

JUL 28. 11:00 AM (MT)

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

# Tribute Wall

JC

“ Dear Bob, Jim and family, I was saddened to hear of your moms passing, she will always live in my memories as a kind and beautiful soul.

Love you!

Jim and Kristie Constantine

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**Jim Constantine** - July 28, 2021 at 05:36 PM

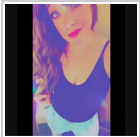
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“ To all who loved Mary as she touched so many lives. I am so sorry for your loss! Mary is a such a beautiful soul. I loved talking to her hearing stories. She always was positive, kind, loving and full of life. Mary was the kind of person who brought those around her peace. Scott talks of many great memories with Mary at the lake skipping rocks and chatting about life. Mary has left a positive print in our hearts and we feel so thankful to have known her. This obituary is a beautiful tribute to her.

Katie Harding

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**Katie Harding** - July 23, 2021 at 03:22 PM



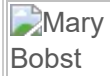
“ We are so sorry for your loss

The Ketelsens



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**Amber Ketelsen** - July 22, 2021 at 03:06 PM



“ *Bob and Terri,*

*I am so sorry for your loss. I only knew your mom for a short time but she was always welcoming and lovely.*

*Mary Bobst*

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**Mary Bobst** - July 21, 2021 at 02:43 PM



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**Wayrynen-Richards Funeral Home** - July 21, 2021 at 10:31 AM