



## William Charles Hitchens

June 21, 1943 - February 15, 2023

Mr. William Charles Hitchens passed away early Wednesday morning, February 15, 2023 at his home in Butte. He was born in Butte Monday, June 21, 1943 to Russell C. and Thelma (Sime) Hitchens. He attended McKinley School, Butte High School and Butte Vo-Tech where he earned his certification as a Machinist. He served his country in the United States Army for 4 years and another 24 years in the Army Reserves. William worked as a Machinist for the Anaconda Company until its closure in 1982 then went to work as a correctional officer at the Montana State Prison in 1985 until his retirement in 2007.

He was a member of the American Legion, Mile High Chapter of the H.O.G. (Harley Owners Group) loved riding his Harley with his Butte Rats and enjoyed four-wheeling in his Jeeps. He loved his dog Thor, but his entire world revolved around family, especially his grandchildren and his great grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his sisters, Rae Rau and Beth Kovich, his grandson, Sean Patrick Nugent and his former wife and good friend, Judi Coleman.

Survivors include his daughters and sons-in-law, Jodi and Shane Kolwyck of Fairfield, Montana and Misti and Jim Dauenhauer of Helena, his son and

daughter-in-law, Russell and Shannon Hitchens of Missoula, grandchildren: Bill and Sam Nugent, Airika Frambo, Aspen Kolwyck, Brayden Kolwyck, Camryn Kolwyck, Justin Dauenhauer and Taylor Dagenais, Tanner (Tanman) Dauenhauer, Kaden Hitchens and Gibson Goodman, Tarin and Dannie Slayton, Magen Hitchens, Logan Nugent and Jayden Nugent. Also surviving are his great-grandchildren: Hunter, Declyn, Anthony, Oakley and his little buddy Warren.

Cremation has taken place. Memorial services will be conducted Friday, February 24th at 11 a.m. with military honors in Wayrynen-Richards Funeral Home. Entombment of ashes will take place at a later date. Memorials in his memory may be made to any organization for the benefit of military veterans.

# Cemetery Details

## Fort Harrison Veterans Cemetery

1900 Williams Street  
Helena, MT 59602

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

FEB 24. 11:00 AM (MT)

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

# Tribute Wall

MM

“ Found memories of working with Bill at MSP and his laughter was contagious. RIP Bill and enjoy the ride. You are missed. Thoughts and prayers to his family.

Monique Miller - February 22, 2023 at 09:55 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of William Charles Hitchens.



February 20, 2023 at 05:04 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers to all of Bill's family & friends. He was sure a great guy. He will be missed. May his memories hold dear in your heart's  
Rest in peace Bill.

Janice Muniz ( Sparky's Garage )

Janice Muniz - February 20, 2023 at 01:02 AM

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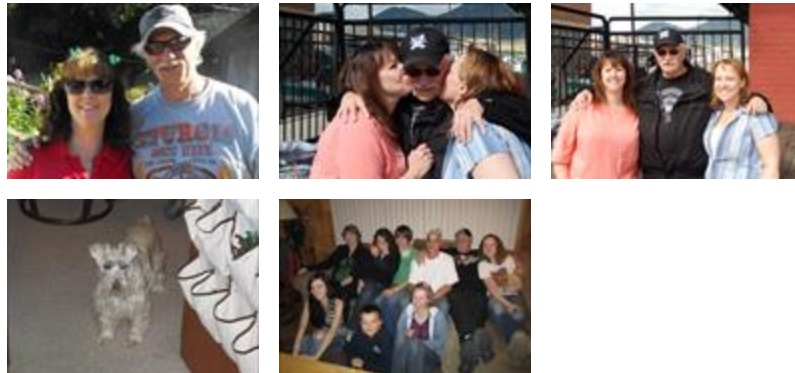
“ Cathy (Gardiner) Redfern purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of William Charles Hitchens.



Cathy (Gardiner) Redfern - February 20, 2023 at 12:06 AM

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Misti Dauenhauer - February 19, 2023 at 11:25 PM

JZ

“ So sorry for your loss (Russ and family) Your Dad was a good Man!  
Rest in Peace Billy Hitch!

jay zeier - February 19, 2023 at 05:48 PM

MK

“ Rest in peace Bill. Mike Kallas



Mike Kallas - February 18, 2023 at 03:12 PM



Marilyn  
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So sorry for your loss Russ. Marilyn Reed

Marilyn Malyevac - February 18, 2023 at 06:43 PM

PG

“ *Pat and Gina purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of William Charles Hitchens.*



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**Pat and Gina** - February 18, 2023 at 10:35 AM

JM

“ *Sincere sympathies to the entire Hitchens family. Bill was a true Butte character and all around decent man. Rest in Peace Willy!*

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**Jeff Miller** - February 18, 2023 at 10:30 AM

JS

“ *Jodi, Misti and Russ, we are sadden to learn of the passing of your father! Lots of memories working with Bill! He was always able to make everyone around smile! Kim and I are sending thought and prayers to you all!*

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**Jim Salmonsén** - February 17, 2023 at 10:31 PM



*So sorry for your loss- I really enjoyed working with Bill. He was a very good man and he made things fun.*

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**Benjamin Bouley** - February 18, 2023 at 09:53 PM

JK

“ *Miss you so much!* ”



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**Jodi Hitchens Kolwyck** - February 17, 2023 at 02:42 PM



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**Wayrynen-Richards Funeral Home** - February 17, 2023 at 10:37 AM