

Remembering James

James Albert Williams passed away peacefully, on June 13, 2026, at his home on his ranch east of Buffalo Gap, SD, surrounded by his family. He died from complications of cancer. He was under the care of Stillwater Hospice of SD with special care from nurse Connie.

James was born in Hot Springs, SD, to parents, Albert and Mary B. Williams, on July 18, 1937. He graduated from Hot Springs High School in 1956 and in later years graduated from Chadron State College with a BS in Industrial Arts. He served in the U.S. Army, 1958-1959, serving 18 months in Germany. Jim spent his leave time by traveling throughout Europe.

Jim earned his private pilot license starting with lessons in high school. He loved flying even though he was afraid of heights. He owned a Cessna 152 for several years taking family and friends for a ride. Jim also loved to water and snow ski with family and friends.

Jim spent most of his working years in Wyoming, mainly as a diesel mechanic at the Caballo Rojo Coal Mine by Wright, WY.

James married his wife, Mary O'Malley, on February 7, 1966. To this union was born 4 children, one daughter and 3 sons.

James was preceded in death by his parents, Albert and Mary B. Williams, sister, Catherine (Jack) Bloom and Mary H. Bruce.

He is survived by his wife, Mary; daughter, Mary Catherine (Gregg) Lynch; sons, Thomas Leo (Ryna) Williams; James Mathias Williams and Sean Joseph Williams; grandchildren, Catherine; Bradley and Jason Williams; brother-in-law, Art Bruce; nephews, Jim; Tim; Peter and Michael Bloom.

In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be sent to the Battle Mountain Humane Society in Hot Springs, SD.

Arrangement have been placed in the care of
Chamberlain McColley's Funeral Home
Hot Springs, South Dakota



MAY THE SOUL OF THE FAITHFULLY DEPARTED

James Albert Williams

REST IN PEACE

July 18, 1937—June 13, 2026

Hot Springs, South Dakota—Buffalo Gap, South Dakota

CHRISTIAN FUNERAL VIGIL

7:00 p.m., Wednesday, June 17, 2026

St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church

Hot Springs, South Dakota

CHRISTIAN FUNERAL MASS

2:00 p.m., Thursday, June 18, 2026

St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church

Hot Springs, South Dakota

CELEBRANT—Fr. Collins Igwilo & Deacon Craig Pearson

MUSIC—St Anthony's Music Ministry

PALLBEARERS

Tom Williams, Jim Williams, Sean Williams, Kenny Thompson

LUNCHEON

St. Anthony's Parish Hall

CHRISTIAN FUNERAL COMMITTAL

9:00 a.m., Monday, June 22, 2026

Black Hills National Cemetery

Sturgis, South Dakota

MILITARY FUNERAL HONORS

United States Army

Sturgis Veterans Honor Guard

MEMORIALS

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to benefit the
Battle Mountain Humane Society



Irish Blessings

May the road rise up to meet you.

May the wind always be at your back.

May the sunshine warm upon your face.

And rains fall soft upon your fields.

And until we meet again,

May God hold you in the palm of His hand.