



## Jeanette K. Willox

May 18, 2025

Jeanette Kathleen (Ehrlich) Willox, 82, of Brighton, CO, passed away peacefully on May 18, 2025, at Peaks Care Center in Longmont, CO, surrounded by her loving family. She was born on January 7, 1943, in Greeley, CO, to Alex and Eva (Heinze) Ehrlich. Jeanette was raised on a farm near Galeton, CO, alongside her siblings Allen, Chuck, and Joyce. It was on the family farm that she developed a strong work ethic, learning the values of patience and determination.

In 1955, the family moved to Fort Collins. Jeanette's first job was during high school, working at the Sunset Drive-In Theater, where she made many fond memories. After graduating from Fort Collins High School in 1960, she began working at Ghent Motor Company as a cashier and receptionist. In later years, after relocating to Denver, she held administrative, billing, and accounting roles at The Burke Company, Navaho Transportation, and Trimac Transportation.

It was at Ghent Motor Company where Jeanette met the love of her life, Robert Willox. They married in 1963 and were blessed with 53 years of marriage until Robert's passing in 2016.

Jeanette had a deep love for her family and cherished spending time with her grandchildren. She found joy in tending to her garden and yard, taking great

pride in her outdoor space. Her greatest passion was organizing gatherings—especially Christmas celebrations, her favorite holiday. She didn't just delight in bringing people together; she truly lived for it. Creating memorable moments filled with warmth, laughter, and love for her family and friends was her greatest joy.

Jeanette is survived by her four children: Colene Willox of Brighton, CO; Daniel Willox of Austin, TX; Cheryl Richards (Jonathan) of Berthoud, CO; and Charles Willox (Maria) of Fayetteville, AR. She is also survived by her grandchildren: Amanda McCall, Ricky Sherril, Jackie Sherril, Meghan Willox, and Paige Willox; her sister, Joyce Schneider of Fort Collins, CO; and her brother, Chuck Ehrlich (Delores) of Casper, WY.

She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Robert Willox; her grandson, Robert Chamberlain; her brother, Allen Ehrlich; her brothers-in-law, Kenneth Willox and Kenneth Schneider; and her sister-in-law, Joann Ehrlich.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on May 23, 2025, at 1:30 p.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Fort Collins, CO. A private interment will take place at later date at Grandview Cemetery.

# Previous Events

## Mass of Christian Burial

MAY 23. 1:30 PM (MT)

Saint Joseph Catholic Church  
300 West Mountain  
Fort Collins, CO 80521

# Tribute Wall

SG

“ When I think of Jeanette, I am very sad. It is so hard to believe that now both she and Bob are gone. People who have been in my life since I was a child. I will always remember sitting around their table laughing and teasing. All the wonderful family meals over the years. She was such a good sport and well-loved by all of us, young and old. A dedicated mother in every way and parented 4 wonderful kids. Jeanette worked hard and loved deeply. She taught us the "Dutch Hop" ( we are German/Russian like her family) and made the best kraut burgers. She took time to learn more about our ancestors on our Canadian side, and I hope one day I can pass that on to the next generation. She will be deeply missed

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**Sharon Grandi** - May 27, 2025 at 04:18 PM

SG

“ Sharon Grandi sent a virtual gift in memory of Jeanette Willox



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**Sharon Grandi** - May 27, 2025 at 03:42 PM

SG

“ Sharon Grandi lit a candle in memory of Jeanette Willox



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**Sharon Grandi** - May 27, 2025 at 03:41 PM

AW

“ I believe this is the last time I had the joy of spending time with Jeanette . We had so much fun just visiting and laughing. She was so kind and such a beautiful soul. I am so sad I have lost the opportunity to spend time with her.

To all her loved ones, I'm so sorry for your loss. I know she will be greatly missed . All my love to you all.



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**Amber Willox** - May 27, 2025 at 12:21 PM

DI

“ Jeanette was mom Luella's best buddy. They would talk for hours on the phone (about who knows what!). She brought so much joy to mom and everyone she was around. We all loved her so much. ~ Diane (Sutton) Rees

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**Diane** - May 21, 2025 at 09:59 AM

MW

“ It’s not often that you can have a sister-in-law as soon as you are born. Jeanette was always there. I was often just one of her kids. I grew up with my nieces and nephews. Since her passing, I have been overwhelmed with so many memories where Jeanette was front and center. She was gentle, she was kind, she loved her family and her friends. We polkaed our fair share, and I always loved her krautburgers and lime jellow fluff ( it’s a German thing). Her get togethers always brought everyone around her kitchen table to laugh, and laugh, till we cried. She loved her girls day out to tea houses. One of my last memories is sitting all pretty with Jeanette in the brown palace sipping tea — thank you Susan. I just don’t know of a life without Jeanette in it. My brother gave us all a gift when he brought Jeanette into our family. Rest in piece my sweet sister.

Mary Willox - May 21, 2025 at 07:47 AM

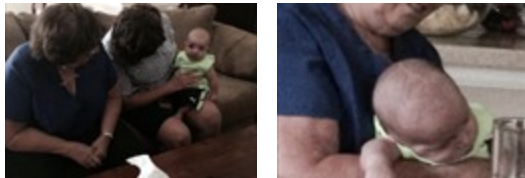
MW

Now I know—not lime jellow anything. — It is called Watergate Salad from Betty Crocker. Good stuff ❤️

Mary Willox - May 27, 2025 at 04:35 PM

SW

“ Heaven has gained an amazing woman. Jeanette was always so caring with me, my kids, and grandkids. These pictures I posted are her with my grandson Jayden. Such a caring, loving, and wonderful woman who will be missed. My condolences to the family.  
Stephanie Willox



Stephanie Willox - May 20, 2025 at 01:27 PM

SU

“ *The most awesome best friend and sister to me. We've seen life's up downs together but we laughed through the best and worst of times. I'm now missing a piece of my world but I'll always remember the laughter and joy she shared with me and many others whose lives she touched.*

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**susan** - May 20, 2025 at 12:18 PM

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“ *Jeanette and I were room mates in 1962-63 and were friends ever since even though miles separated us later in life,,,,I wore her wedding gown when i got married in 1964.....She was a special lady and friend....RIP special lady*

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**Sally Sanders** - May 20, 2025 at 11:52 AM