

In Loving Memory of

Norma Jean Grassrope

“Wakan Mani Wi”

Holy Walking Woman

January 19, 1954 ~ December 19, 2023

What Mom Took
Most often when we think of Mom,
We think of what she’s given:
The softness of a loving touch,
A gentle guide for living;
A nightly tip-toe in a room,
An understanding look;
But sometimes when I think of Mom
I think of what she took.
She took a child and taught it how
To live this life with pride
She took those kindergarten tears,
And kept them all inside.
She took the hand that longed to hold
Her child and not let go
Used them to push her child along
The way, to thrive and grow.
Took time to do some other things
Like sew, and clean and cook,
And never thought to ask for thanks
For all the things she took.
Thank Mom.

Judith Bond

Wake Service

*Lower Brule Community Center
Lower Brule, SD
Wednesday, December 27, 2023
7:00 p.m.*

Funeral Service

*Lower Brule Community Center
Lower Brule, SD
Thursday, December 28, 2023
1:00 p.m.*

Officiating

*Spiritual Officiant: Charlie Quinn/ Jeshua Estes
Father Kim Fonder Mutual Ministry Team*

Casketbearers

<i>Craig Brave Eagle</i>	<i>Joseph Grassrope</i>	<i>Garfield Goodface</i>
<i>Leroy Goodface</i>	<i>Marvin Grassrope</i>	<i>Lewis Grassrope</i>
<i>Lucus Grassrope</i>		<i>Ian Grassrope</i>

Pallbearers

<i>Shirley Crane</i>	<i>Marlene Crowe</i>	<i>June Left Hand</i>
<i>Charlie Quinn</i>	<i>Jolleen Laverdure</i>	<i>Antoinette Goodlow</i>
<i>Alvin Johnson Jr.</i>	<i>Vanessa Grassrope</i>	<i>Cindy Plenty Wounds</i>
	<i>Delight “Liu” Grassrope-White Light</i>	

Honorary Bearers

*Norma comes from a big Tiwahe
All her Family, Friends & Relatives*

Interment

*Holy Comforter Episcopal Cemetery
Lower Brule, SD*

Arrangements By: *Hickey Funeral Home, Chamberlain, SD*



Norma Jean Grassrope was born in Brule County on January 19, 1954, to Garfield J. Grassrope and Doris L. Eagle Thunder. She shared her life with her companion Richard Goodface. She attended Lower Brule for her elementary school and High school years. She also attended Flandreau Indian School for a semester. Her class of 1972 was the first class to graduate from the new high school that was built. She went on to attend college at Saint Mary's in Springfield, Nilton Business College located in Sioux Falls, and Haskell Indian Nations University. In 1993 she obtained an Associates in Human Resources from Sinte Greska university. She and two other

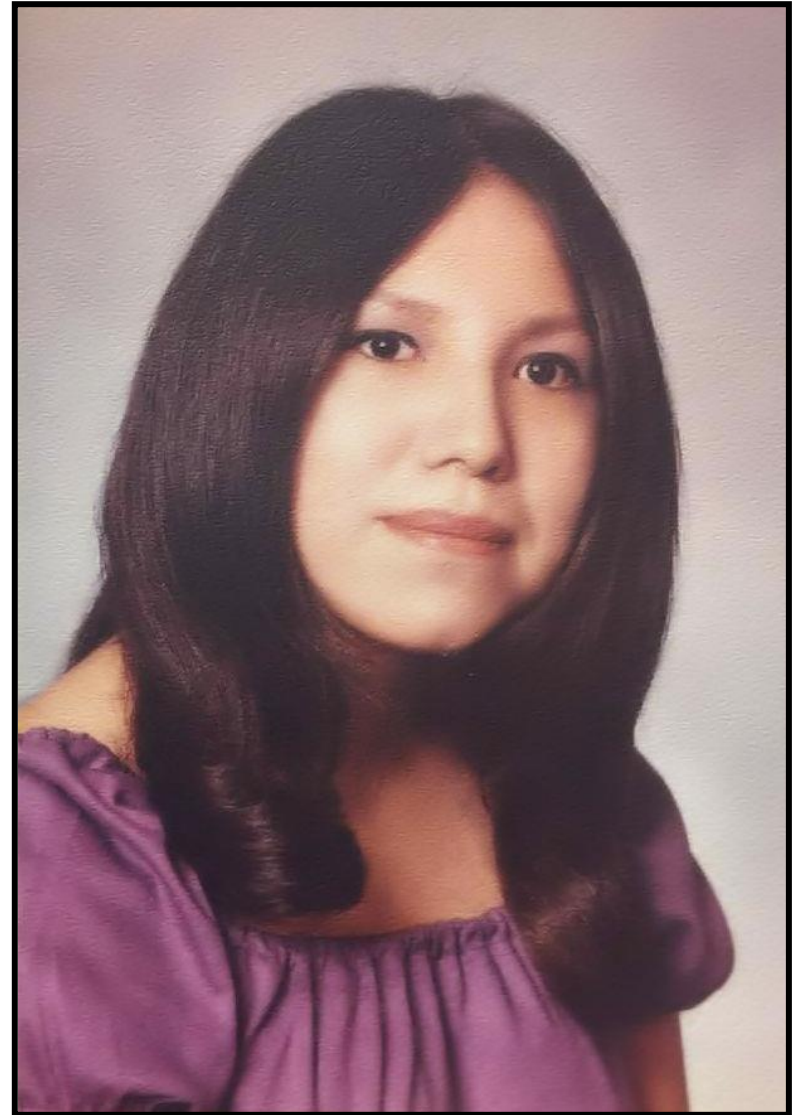
classmates were the first to graduate from Lower Brule Community College which is an established branch off Sinte Greska university. She was a dispatcher for the Lower Brule Police Department. From there she worked for the JTPA Program as a secretary. She transitioned over to Oto Kahe Teca (Vocational Rehabilitation Program) where she was a Case Manager. From 2004-2014 she served on the election board for the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe. She also held a chair as a school board member.

Norma had a very strong spiritual belief and enjoyed participating in cultural practice and attending ceremonies, sharing, and making memories with her friends and relatives. Sobriety dances, bingo and trying her luck at the casino were some of the ways she enjoyed her free time. She also enjoyed being a homebody and binge-watching old shows such as little house on the prairie. She loved sharing stories about her life experiences and sharing stories from her childhood. She dedicated her life to raising her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. She was always thinking of others, and she was always willing to lend a helping hand when needed. She went above and beyond in helping others find their sobriety and their way back to the circle. It was a lot of the little things that she enjoyed in life.

Norma has 8 children, 6 surviving Craig Brave Eagle, January Colman-Johnson, Joseph Grassrope, Wind Goodface, Garfield Goodface and Leroy Goodface; her sister Jenny Grassrope; and many grandchildren, great grandchildren, and nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her two children Galen Grassrope, Davita Grassrope, her grandson Tiernyn Goodface, Her parents Garfield J. Grassrope and Doris L. Eagle Thunder, Paternal Grandparents Joseph Grassrope, Bessie Brave Eagle, Her Maternal Grandparents Thomas Eagle Thunder, Madaline Tompkins-Eagle Thunder, Her brothers Harry E. Wright, Justin Grassrope.

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