

In Loving Memory of
Eunice Elizabeth St. John

TaŠúnke Wašté Óta Táwa Wínyaŋ

“Her Many Pretty Horses”

October 7, 1948 ~ April 2, 2022

As I Sit In Heaven

As I sit in heaven and watch you everyday,

I try to let you know with signs I never went away.

I hear you when you're laughing, and watch you as you sleep.

I even place my arms around you to calm you as you weep.

I see you wish the days away, begging to have me home.

So I try to send you signs so you know you are not alone.

Don't feel guilty that you have life that was denied to me.

Heaven is truly beautiful, just you wait and see.

So live your life, laugh again, enjoy yourself, be free.

Then I know with every breath you take

You'll be taking one for me.

Mass of Christian Burial

St. Catherine's Catholic Church

Big Bend, SD

10:00 a.m., Wednesday, April 20, 2022

Officiating

Father Christianus Hendrik, SCJ

Father Jean Claude SCJ

Deacon Steve McLaughlin

Brother Long Nguyen

Brother Phong “Paul” Hoang

Sister Deb Nelson

Honorary Pallbearers

Arlis Big Eagle

Eva Fallis

Lynn Harrison

Pat Koster Sr.

Enore Marks

Carla Pickner

Kevin St. John

Terry St. John

Claudine Bullhead

Tony Gonzales

Windy Johnson

Peter Lengkeek

Toni McGhee

Arvadell Running Bear

Ted St. John

Delores Stoll

All Her Many Other Relatives & Friends

Interment

St. Catherine's Catholic Cemetery

Big Bend, SD

Arrangements By: Hickey Funeral Home, Chamberlain, SD

On April 2, 2022, Eunice Elizabeth St. John, (Tašúnke Wašté Óta Táwa Wínyan) “Her Many Pretty Horses”, 73, member of the Crow Creek Nation, passed away peacefully at home with her children around her.

Born at home, October 7, 1948, Big Bend, South Dakota to Alvord and Elaine St. John (Left Hand) Eunice was the eldest of 11 brothers and 1 sister.

Eunice attended Standing Rock Community School, graduating in 1967. She gave birth to her first son, Martin, in Kenel South Dakota where she worked as a Community Health Representative for the Standing Rock Nation.

It was during her employment with Standing Rock that she met Edward Martin, a police officer, and to this union 3 children were born, Marlon, Merlin and Marlena.

As a family they moved to Fort Thompson and then to Crow Creek where she worked for the Crow Creek Nation Head Start, Community Health Representative for the Crow Creek district and retired upon leaving Crow Creek Housing Authority.

Growing up, Eunice spent many hours with her brothers and her many cousins, playing softball, horseback riding, fishing, fondly sharing the many stories she experienced during her childhood years. As the oldest child she was instrumental and played a big part in her siblings' lives. She enjoyed watching wacipi on the internet, westerns and collecting precious moments figurines.

"Mom was strong and tried to see the best in people, even when no one else would. She tried to help where and when needed. Mom shared her childhood memories with us, and about relatives, most of whom we never got to meet. Mom tried to prepare us for this day, but it's emotionally impossible. We've laughed through tears, tried to prepare ourselves when reality sets in, but to lose your creator, protector, best friend, our mom is the hardest" - Marlena

Eunice is survived by her mother Elaine, sons Martin, and Marlon, daughter Marlena, brothers Lance, Sterling (Donna) and Kerby St. John. Hunka son wade St. John.

Grandchildren, Alisa and Natosha, great grandchildren, Ivanna, Nashaya, Junebug, Justin, Ky'Mani, Kei'Lani, Tori, Keanu, and Carmen.

Preceding her in death is her husband Edward, son Merlin, Dad Alvord, grandchildren DeJoe, Degray, Dimigo, and Verlina, Brothers and sister, Al Jr, Bobby, Maynard, Merle, Dean, Lavonne St. John, Tad, Verl and Vernon walking Elk, Maternal grandparents, George and Mary Jane Left Hand (Poitra), Paternal grandparents Benjamin and Susan St. John (Smells the Earth).



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