The Mother

God loaned her to us for a while,

We loved her wit, her cheery smile,

Her wise advice, her faith in God,

Desire to try new paths untrod.

Love for her family-strong-deep

Within her heart she placed to keep,

Always ready to do her part

To heal a bruise, uplift a heart.

And when her span of years grew dim,

God called her Home, to be with Him.

In Glory Land, she and dad wait

'Til we walk through the Pearly Gate.

And there will be no parting there

Within that Home, so bright and fair.

A place of love and joy and peace-

God's to direct - man's sweet release.

In Loving Memory of

Earleen Lorna Red Bird

August 29, 1961 ~ December 14, 2022

Wake Services

St. Joseph Catholic Church
Fort Thompson, SD
7:00 p.m., Wednesday, December 28, 2022

Funeral Service

St. Joseph Catholic Church
Fort Thompson, SD
10:00 a.m., Thursday, December 29, 2022

Officiating

Father Christianus Hendrick, SCJ *Father Jean Claude, SCJ*
Deacon Steve McLaughlin *Sister Deb Nelson*

Casketbearers

Dennis Metcalf *Ivan Long Crow* *C.J. Long Crow*
Ben Long Crow *Loren Long Crow* *Todd Loudner*

Honorary Bearers

Ida Howe *Mary Long Crow* *Lois Long Crow*
Deb Long Crow *Winnie Stepp* *Lynn Harrison*
Renee Peterson *Terry and Cheryl Gaulke*
The Staff of the Smoking Mule

Interment

Presbyterian Cemetery
Crow Creek, SD

Arrangements By: Hickey Funeral Home, Chamberlain, SD

Earleen Lorna Red Bird was born August 29, 1961 to Corrine Mae High Elk and Earlwyn Red Bird. She was raised in Eagle Butte, SD until 1984 when she met Michael Dennis Metcalf Sr. Together, they made their home in Crow Creek, SD until 1995 when they moved to Fort Thompson and then in 2019 she relocated to Chamberlain.

Lorna began working at the Headstart office in Fort Thompson in 1995 and later worked as the cook before going on to be a cook at Cedar Shore Resort, Crow Creek Tribal School, and lastly the Smoking Mule where she retired mid-2022. She also worked at Shelby's Minimart and the Baymont Inn.

Lorna passed away on December 14, 2022 at Sanford USD Medical Center in Sioux Falls, SD at the age of 61 years.

She leaves behind her sons Lester Robert Metcalf Sr, Michael Dennis Metcalf Jr, Vincent Merle Metcalf, Dennis Michael Metcalf and her daughter Sarah-Mae Linda Metcalf, Grandchildren: Kristen Lauren Rose Metcalf, Nathen Metcalf, Lester Robert Metcalf Jr, and Harmony Jade Redwater, and siblings brothers Gerald Red Bird, and sister Tina Red Bird.

Preceding her in death were her partner Michael Dennis Metcalf Sr., daughter Nicole Estella Metcalf, her parents Corrine Mae High Elk and Earlwyn Red Bird, and brothers Carl Red Bird and Benedict Red Bird.

She loved cooking, working, taking care of kids, helping out others when in needs, hanging out her friends and relatives.

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