

In Loving Memory of
Viola Ione Jenness
January 15, 1953 ~ January 3, 2021

For Those I Love, For Those Who Love Me...

*When I am gone, release me, let me go -
I have so many things to say and do,
You musn't tie yourself to me with tears.
Be happy that we had so many years.
I gave you my love you can only guess,
How much you gave me in happiness.
I thank you for the love you each have shown.
But now it's time I traveled on alone.
So grieve awhile for me if you must
Then let your grief be comforted by trust.
It's only for awhile that we must part
So bless the memories within your heart.
I won't be far away, for life goes on
So if you need me, call and I will come.
Though you can't see or touch me, I'll be near -
And if you listen with your heart, you'll hear
All my love around you soft and clear.
And then, when you must come this way alone,
I'll greet you with a smile, and "Welcome Home."*

Wake Services

*Golden Buffalo Conference Center, Lower Brule, SD
7:00 p.m. Thursday, January 14, 2021
7:00 p.m. Friday, January 15, 2021*

Funeral Service

*Golden Buffalo Conference Center, Lower Brule, SD
2:00 p.m. Saturday, January 16, 2021*

Officiating

Wilfred Keeble

Casketbearers

<i>Verlin Jenness</i>	<i>Stanley Jenness</i>
<i>Jason Jenness</i>	<i>Elton Jenness</i>
<i>Martin Big Eagle</i>	<i>Donald Big Eagle Sr.</i>
<i>Maurice Johnson</i>	<i>Tamarick Rencountre</i>

Honorary Bearers

<i>Elma Peneaux Small</i>	<i>Mable Tapio</i>
<i>Darlene Peneaux</i>	<i>Madeline Big Eagle</i>
<i>Debra Tiger</i>	<i>Phillis Comes Flying</i>
<i>Blossom Middletent</i>	

Interment

*Christ Episcopal Cemetery
Fort Thompson, SD*

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

Viola Ione Jenness was born on January 15th, 1953 in Fort Thompson to Lloyd Jenness Sr. of Fort Thompson and Mae Big Eagle of Lower Brule.

She attended school in Stephan and graduated high school in 1972. Viola attended college at the United Tribes College for nursing where she met Charles Silk of Wolf Point, Montana. She returned to Fort Thompson and started worked at the Chamberlain hospital.

Viola later relocated to Montana with Charles. Viola and Charles were united in marriage around 1976. To this union their son, Elton Ray Silk, was born.

Viola eventually made her way back to Fort Thompson. She later met Lester Peneaux of Winner, SD. To this union Verlin Ray Jenness and Tina Marie Jenness were born.

Viola moved to Sioux Falls, SD and met Kenny Roubideaux. To that union, Natasha was born. Viola also raised Ramona Jenness as her own.

While living in Sioux Falls, Viola cooked for the Episcopal Church and the VOA on special occasions and for the Women of Hope. She also made baby bundles and gave them out. Viola loved to volunteer and help anyone in need. Viola helped raise her grandchildren. She liked going to Bingo and the casino. She traveled around visiting family and friends.

Surviving in her death are her brother Brian Davis and Leonard Traversie, sister Harriett Jenness, daughters Ramona Jenness, Tina Jenness, and Natasha Jenness, son Verlin Jenness, god-daughter Madeline Big Eagle, lifelong companion Jesse Lopez, and many nieces and nephews, many grandchildren, and many great-grandchildren.

Preceding in her death are her parents Lloyd and Mae Jenness, brothers Lloyd Jenness Jr., Gordon Jenness, Harvey Jenness, Stanley Jenness, Elton Jenness, sisters Nancy Aikins, Delores Cane, and Carmalita Irons and son Elton Ray Silk.

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