

Eileen Ruth Shoestring “Tatíyopa Slá Wínyan” (Her Door is Always Greasy) is the daughter of Jerome and Margaret Shoestring, she was born on August 8, 1952, in Blackhorse, South Dakota. Eileen was the seventh child of eight siblings, three brothers, and five sisters.

Eileen attended Bullhead Day School during her elementary years and continued her middle and high school education at McIntosh High School. For a brief period, Eileen also attended Job Corps in Albuquerque, New Mexico. She received her GED in 1969 in Bismarck, North Dakota.

Eileen had a strong work ethic and was never hesitant about getting something done. She worked as a teacher aide at the Bullhead Day School for five plus years and would go on to work as the cook for the Nutrition for Elderly in Rock Creek for twenty-seven years. She very much enjoyed cooking for the elderly and loved making traditional Lakota foods such as frybread, Bapa soup and wojapi. It brought her joy to share and give back to the community.

Eileen was a kind, caring, humble, and generous woman. She was very much involved with her catholic faith at the St. Aloysius Catholic Church. She enjoyed sewing, cooking, attending pow wows, doing puzzles, and spending time with her family and friends. Eileen loved all her nieces, nephews, and grandchildren very much. She also cherished her beloved pets, Kaida, Bandit, Boone, and Olly.

She is survived by her son Justin, daughter Marie, grandchildren, Jude, Tallulah, Chris, Jamie Jr. Jordan, Jessmyn, Janae, Suri, Terrell, Makoce, Bella, Jerome, Bryson, Arianna, Alicia, Charlie, Samantha, Shyla, Scottie, Katie, Troy, Lakota, Dana, Dawn, Dena, Dane, Tiffany, Nolan, Anna, Maria, Olympia, Carter, Colty, and several others. Nieces and nephews, Tamara BigEagle, Nicole (Wes) White Eagle, Elston, Edgar, Dana, and Joe Yellow Earrings, Alvonne (Ray) Penola, Liza (Jamie) Lawrence, Jessie Red Bird, Rob Loy, Jamie Bendickson, and several others. We apologize if we miss anyone.

She is preceded in death by her parents Jerome and Margaret, brothers and sisters, Bessie, Anthony, Audrey, Mary Rose, Judith, Leroy, and Kerman and her son Todd.

We will miss her witty humor, cheerful outlook, and ability to make you laugh. Eileen was always open to helping others whether it was words of advice, Lakota virtues, or giving to those in need.

Arrangements Entrusted to Kesling Funeral Home, Mobridge, South Dakota.

In Loving Memory Of



Eileen Ruth Shoestring

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August 8, 1952 – May 14, 2026



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73 years ~ 9 months ~ 6 days

SUNRISE

*August 8, 1952
Black Horse, South Dakota*

SUNSET

*May 14, 2026
Bismarck, North Dakota*

MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL

*1:00 PM, Wednesday, May 27, 2026
St. Aloysius Catholic Church
Bullhead, South Dakota*

CLERGY

Father Jim Hoerter

CASKETBEARERS

*Rob Loy ~ Chris Loy ~ Jamie Hertel Sr.
Jamie Hertel Jr. ~ Dana Yellow Earrings ~ Edgar Yellow Earrings
Wesley White Eagle ~ Jason Iron Wing ~ Javier Rivera*

HONORARY CASKET BEARERS

Rock Creek Elderly, Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, Cleopatra & Bill Erdman, Mabel Medicine Crow & family, Marilyn Nation, Arbutus Steele & family, Karen Busse, Valnita Hairy Chin, Dee Donner & family, Anne Foote, Sister Matilde, Sister Bridget, Father Jim, Luella Harrison, Victoria Iron Thunder, Susan Eagle & family, Debbie Rousseau & family, Margaret Hossie & family, Standing Rock Nutrition for Elderly Program, Faith Prettyboy, Ina McNeil & family, Susan Agard & family, Colleen Miller, Laverne Eagle & family, Johnelle Archambault & family, Leonard Village Center & family, Anthony Agard, Theophile Eagle & family, Faye Rousseau & family, Kevin Ironroad, Sybil Taken Alive & family, Jerry Dearly, we apologize if we miss anyone.

We would like to give a special thanks to the doctors, nurses, and clergy at St. Alexius Hospital for the medical care and support Eileen received, we are profoundly grateful.

We also extend a thank you to the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe and Nutrition for Elderly Program for its support and generosity.

INTERMENT

*St. Aloysius Catholic Cemetery
Bullhead, South Dakota*

God Saw You Getting Tired

*God saw you getting tired,
When a cure was not to be.
So He wrapped his arms around you,
and whispered, "come to me."*

*You didn't deserve what you went through,
So He gave you rest.
God's garden must be beautiful,
He only takes the best*

*And when I saw you sleeping,
So peaceful and free from pain
I could not wish you back
To suffer that again.*

