



Willow Imogene Helper was born to William and Mary Ann (Chasing Hawk) Helper on August 12, 1967.

Willow attended Little Eagle Grade school and later went on to McLaughlin High School. She was a kind and loving daughter, sister, mother and Grandmother. She was active and very intent on making positive decisions for the students while on the McLaughlin Indian Education board from which she served several terms. She was also on the JOM Board for McLaughlin School for 6 years.

She worked for Bear Soldier Bingo for many years as a cashier then remained home to care for her family. She loved to visit relatives and always had a sense of humor that she got from her Dad who always teased. She loved being a foster parent to Remy.

She leaves behind her lifelong sparring partner and father of their children, Brian Yellow Earrings, her daughters Chelsea and Cassie, Willow's Eldest daughter, Michelle Helper, step daughter, Constance, Grandchildren Hailee Little Eagle, Gavin Little Eagle, Keagon Brown Otter, Charlize Claymore, Damian Yellow Earrings, Jarik Yellow Earrings, Lucas Hayes, LaMarius Hayes, Sidney Claymore, Lenaya Hayes, great granddaughter, Janaya Autumn Farrell.

Her heart was broken at the loss of their only Son, Corey Yellow Earrings, who brought her great joy when he was part of the State Cross Country Team. Her life changed drastically when he left them.

Grateful to have shared her life are her siblings, Velma Chasing Hawk, Billie Jo Helper, Wilma (Jose Alvarado) Helper and brother William "Captain" Helper.

Willow is now with her family, her Grandparents, Leo and Elizabeth Chasing Hawk, Wallace and Julie Helper, her parents, William and Mary Ann Helper, Sister, Michelle Helper and Son, Corey Yellow Earrings.



In Loving Memory of:



**Willow Imogene
Helper**

August 12, 1967 ~ April 10, 2022

If Tomorrow Starts Without Me

If tomorrow starts without me, and I'm not there to see.
If the sun should rise and find your eyes all filled with tears for me
I wish so much you wouldn't cry the way you did today.
While thinking of the many things we didn't get to say.
I know how much you love me, As much as I love you, and
each time that you think of me, I know you'll miss me too;
But when tomorrow starts without me, Please try to understand,
that an angel came and called my name, And took me by the hand
And said my place was ready, in heaven far above,
And that I'd have to leave behind all those I dearly love.
But as I turned to walk away, A tear fell from my eye,
For all my life, I'd always thought, I didn't want to die.
I had so much to live for, So much left yet to do, it seemed almost impossible,
that I was leaving you.
I thought of all the yesterdays, the good ones and the bad,
I thought of all that we had shared, and all the fun we had.
If I could relive yesterday, just even for a while,
I'd say good-bye and kiss you and maybe see you smile.
But then I fully realized, that this could never be,
for emptiness and memories, would take the place of me.
And when I thought of worldly things, I might miss come tomorrow,
I thought of you, and when I did, my heart was filled with sorrow.
But when I walked through heaven's gates, I felt so much at home.
When God looked down and smiled at me, From His great golden throne,
He said, "This is eternity, and all I've promised you."
Today your life on earth is past, but here life starts anew.
I promise no tomorrow, but today will always last,
and since each day is the same way, there's no longing for the past.
You have been so faithful, so trusting and so true.
Though there were times you did some things, you knew you shouldn't do.
But you have been forgiven, and now at last you're free.
So won't you come and take my hand, and share my life with me
So when tomorrow starts without me, don't think we're far apart,
for every time you think of me, I'm right here, in your heart.
- Author Unknown

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.*



IN LOVING MEMORY OF: Willow Imogene Helper

BORN:

*August 12, 1967
Ft. Yates, North Dakota*

PASSED AWAY:

*April 10 2022
Bismarck, North Dakota*

FUNERAL SERVICE:

*11:00 AM, Saturday, April 30, 2022
McLaughlin Blue Gym
McLaughlin, South Dakota*

OFFICIATING:

Father Kim Fonder

CASKETBEARERS:

*Keagon Brown Otter ~ Jarik Yellow Earrings
Damian Yellow Earrings ~ Sidney Claymore
Gavin Little Eagle*

HONORARY BEARERS:

*Lynn Red Fox, Lois Tree Top, Rosalyn Tree Top, Debbie Tree Top,
Rocky & Algie Mahto, Willard Skinner, Faith Taken Alive &
Family, Ardyce Taken Alive & Family, Virgil Taken Alive & Family,
Robert Taken Alive & Family, Hank Taken Alive & Family,
Valencia Bobtail Bear & Family, Connie Fischer, Stefanie
Jamerson & Family, Alexandria Fire Cloud, Judy Yellow Fat &
Family, Yvette Cameron, Toni Eagleman, Nicole Little Bear, Shirley
White Buffalo, Sam McCauley, Joe Sr. & Carol White Mountain &
Family, Linda Comeau, Jeanna Mills, Donna Archambault*

INTERMENT:

*Good Shepherd Episcopal Cemetery
Little Eagle, South Dakota*