Alberta Irene “Booze” Gayton was born February 23, 1968 to Clifford A. Hawk and Julia D. Gayton at Pierre, SD. She was raised in the Pierre and Fort Pierre area. She was united in marriage to Tony Big Eagle and to that union a daughter LaTony Marie Big Eagle was born.

Alberta lived in Dickinson and Mandaree North Dakota where she made many friends whom she loved as family. After her parents passed she returned to the Pierre area.

She always enjoyed a social lifestyle and made lifelong friends. She especially loved her siblings and was always looking to help when needed. Always wanting to give was her kind and generous nature. She enjoyed fixing hair and make up and doing different clothing styles. She was very active and loved music, dancing and social events with family and friends.

Alberta entered the Spirit World on September 30, 2023 at her home in Fort Thompson, SD at the age of 55 years. She leaves behind her daughter LaTony Marie and wife of Pierre, SD; siblings Robyn Hawk of Lodge Pole, MT, Ronda Hawk Fort Thompson, SD, Roxie Hawk of Fort Thompson, SD, Kristal Hawk of Fort Thompson, SD, Kirk Hawk of Bell Plain, MN, Jackie Big Eagle of Sioux Falls, SD, Arliss Hawk of Seattle, WA, Carmen Hawk of Pierre, SD, Alvin Hawk of Parshall, ND; aunts and uncles Melvin Hawk, Rozelle Hawk-Lockwood, Velsworth Hawk, William Hawk, Ray Hawk, Dormalee Hawk-Pease, Delilah Hawk; Grandparents; Irene (Middletent) Hawk of Big Bend SD, Albert George Hawk Fort Thompson, SD; and many other relatives and friends too numerous to mention.

Preceding her in death were her parents, her siblings Jay Hawk, Camille Hawk, and Emily Big Shield, aunts and uncles Earl Hawk, Sherwood Hawk, Jeanne Hawk, Alvin Hawk, Myrna Hawk-McDaniels, Rose Marie Hawk.

In Loving Memory of

Alberta Irene Gayton

February 23, 1968 ~ September 30, 2023

Wake Services

St. Joseph’s Catholic Church
Fort Thompson, SD
7:00 p.m., Thursday, October 5, 2023

Funeral Service

St. Joseph’s Catholic Church
Fort Thompson, SD
2:00 p m, Friday, October 6, 2023

Officiating

Fr. Jean Claude SCJ
Fr. Edward Zemlik SCJ
Deacon Steve McLaughlin
Sister Deb Nelson

Casketbearers

Ray Hawk
Bud Hawk
Alvin Hawk
LaTony Big Eagle
R.J. Howe
Jon Hall
Jace Estes
Donnie McDaniels

Honorary Bearers

Philip Hockett
Tashina Kirkie
Marilyn Felicia
Cameron Parker
Lori Howe-High Bear
Gorgie Delaney
Tony Big Eagle
Frank Hall
Angie Farmer
Paul Rouse
Henry Seveir
Dave Dahl
Anna Mae Driver
Vonnie White Mouse
Janice Black Bull
Big Eagle Family
Rodney Good Bird
Mandaree Community
Good Bird Family
Hall Family
All Her Other Family & Friends Too Numerous To Mention

Interment

St. Catherine’s Catholic Cemetery
Big Bend, SD

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

The angels gathered near your side
So very close to you
For they knew the pain and suffering
That you were going through
I thought about so many things
As I held tightly to your hand
Oh, how I wished that you were strong
And happy once again
But your eyes were looking homeward
To the place beyond the sky
Where the Creator held his outreached arms
It was time to say good-bye
I struggled with my selfish thoughts
For I wanted you to stay
So we could walk and talk again
Like we did... just yesterday
But the Creator knew the answer
And I knew you loved him so
So I gave you you life's greatest gift
The gift of Letting go.

In Loving Memory Of

Alberta Irene "Booze" Gayton

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