

Patty was born to Gordan Sr. and Gwendolyn (LeCompte) Valandra on November 14th, 1951, at the Ft. Yates IHS hospital. Patty was the fifth child born to this union, as there were ten children that completed this family. Patty was born into a very tight-knit family, they are always there for one another through thick and thin and no matter what catastrophe is thrown their way.

Patty graduated from Standing Rock High School in May of 1971. She was blessed with three children Joseph Alkire, Sonja Valandra, and Jade Mortenson. Patty graduated from Sitting Bull College with an AA degree in Early Childhood Education in May of 1987, she then went on to receive her CDA certificate in May of 1989. Patty has numerous certificates and trainings that she had attended throughout her professional career. Patty's last place of employment was for the Standing Rock Head Start Program as a Family Service Worker, as she ensured years of being employed with this program, not only in several different positions, but in various districts on Standing Rock as well. Patty thought hard and she had then decided to retire in 2015. All of Patty's work history is working with children and the youth. She also worked at the Aberdeen Area Youth Regional Treatment Center in Wakpala, SD for around ten years, helping the at-risk youth from numerous reservations nationwide.

Patty and Stan met in 2000, together they made their way back to Ft. Yates around 2006 and had since made their home. Patty loved being close to her daughter and family and loved to spoil every one of her grandchildren. She was the "Yes" person when mom said "no." Patty enjoyed her great-grandkids company and she loved to babysit them, she always said that they kept her going. She will be missed dearly.

Patty had a deep passion to not only helping children, but the numerous people she touched with her words of wisdom and great advice. Patty was a very special person and touched the heart of many, she was kind to everyone, always being the helping hand and lending an ear to those who needed her. Patty would giggle and feel so proud when she'd run into a past student, and they would say "Hi Teacher Patty". Patty loved her friends and family deeply. Everyone that went to visit her was always welcomed with her beautiful smile. She had a great sense of humor and loved to laugh and tease. She was a very special person to many.

In the summertime, you could always find Patty in her garden and flowerbeds, she always had a beautiful yard filled with knick-knacks. She loved sitting in her yard visiting and having a few cold ones with her company. She and Stan were great hosts on many different occasions. She loved to bake goodies for her loved ones and made goodie bags for most holidays. Patty loved her random road trips with her sister friends (Karen, Annette & Renee V), returning with so many stories to tell! She was an experienced seamstress, as she had made her sister Gail's wedding dress and outfitted her children and grandchildren. We can't forget to mention Patty's fur baby, Panda, she spoiled her dog, he will most definitely be lost without her. Patty collected crystal elephants; she has a unique collection. Patty and Stan were avid Vikings fans, never missing a game. On game days there were several calls between her house and Sonja's (Bronco fans).

Patty made her journey to the spirit world on September 4, 2021, at the Sanford Medical Hospital in Bismarck, ND. She had suffered from a heart attack and ensured complications from the surgery. Those Patty is leaving behind includes her daughter Sonja (Steve Willard) and son Joseph (Trish) Alkire, grandsons, Dugan Valandra, Shane (Catherine) Rothenberger, Ghavin (Savanah) Willard and Evan Willard; and granddaughters, Annika Valandra, Britley Gipp, Talicia Fredericks, Capri Bendickson, Natasha Alkire, Savanah Alkire, Desiree Alkire, Cori (Ty) Knudson and Tara Willard. Her great-grandkids, Aaliyah, Raider, Jerome, Kortez, Scarlett, Aspen, Evalena, RaeLee, Eli, Enzo, Sienna, Ethan and Emilie. She is also leaving behind her siblings, two brothers, Roger and Obede, and two sisters, Anne and Renee. Patty has numerous nieces and nephews too many to name. Patty is joining her son Jade, her love Stan Hertel, and their dog Lincoln. Her parents,

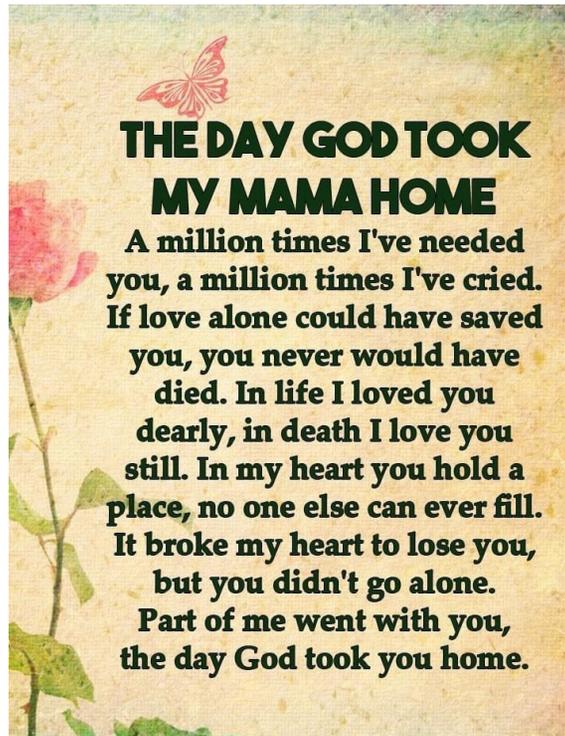


In Loving Memory Of:



*Gwendolyn Patricia Valandra
Wiyaka Ska' Win
"White Feather Woman"
November 14, 1951 ~ September 4, 2021*





A special thank you to the Standing Rock Great Sioux Nation Riders & 4-Mile Creek Spirit Riders for escorting Patty to her final resting place at the St. Peters Catholic Church.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Gwendolyn Patricia Valandra

69 Years ~ 9 Months ~ 21 Days

BORN:
November 14, 1951
Ft. Yates, North Dakota

PASSED AWAY:
September 4, 2021
Bismarck, North Dakota

ROSARY SERVICES:

6:00 PM, Friday, September 10, 2021
St. Peter's Catholic Church
Supper to follow at the AJ Agard Building

FUNERAL SERVICES:

11:00 AM, Saturday, September 11, 2021
St. Peter's Catholic Church
Ft. Yates, North Dakota

Lunch to follow at the AJ Agard Building

CLERGY: Brother George Maufort

READERS: Shaylin Luger & Charlie Soiseth

MUSIC: Michelle Walking Elk

"Amazing Grace" ~ "Precious Lord Take My Hand"

CASKETBEARERS:

Justin (JW) Yellow Fat ~ Scott Jacobsen ~ Maverick Valandra ~ Shane Luger
Jerry Keith Farlee ~ Bill McLaughlin ~ Marty (Mister) Gipp ~ Albert Kuntz

HONORARY BEARERS/ SPECIAL FRIENDS:

Louise Valandra, Patty's godmother, Destiny Carry Moccasin, Heidi Long, Theophile & Sharon Eagle, Genelle Eagle, Russel Iron Ring, Darlene & Delbert Chasing Hawk, Ranz Bailey, Bernadine Eagle and Family, Ronnie Ducheneaux, Cassie LeCompte & Family, Devon Volk, Charlie & Doris Soseith, Del LeCompte, Donna Eagle Staff, Shawn Lamb, Paul Bordeaux, Bill Kuntz, Ira Taken Alive, Scott & Sami Lu Gates, Kathy Bailey & Rhonda White, Sid Bailey Jr., Olivia McLaughlin & Girls, Jesse & Sheena McLaughlin & Family, Lani Sottilo & Abby, Eva Hepper & Family, Judy & Cordell Yellow Fat, Shaylene High Elk & Family, Blanche Valandra, Donna Weiler, Shanna Eagle and children, Chandler LaRock, Ciara Chase Alone, Ione Gayton, Gregg Sherwood, Candy Sherwood, Russ (Jamie) Young Bird family, Shaylene High Elk, Tedi Claymore, Paulette Rowley, Hazel White Bear, Judy Village Center, Chuck & Chrissy Archambault and Family, Larson Fast Horse & family, Wayne & Grace Looking Back, Kayla Looking Back, Mindy Looking Back, Donna Martin, Tim Hertel, Amanda (Hertel) Roller & Family, Sabra DuBray, Lawrence Archambault, Prairie & Dezi Eagle, Sadie Agard, Tony Eagle & Family, Frank Jamerson, Charles Walker, Larissa Little Dog, Bernice Little Dog, Elizabeth Little Dog, Georgina White Lightning, Renee Renville, Breanne Luger, Gordan Valandra, Jr., Rich Maier, Ron & Donna Martel, Kim Means, Jackie Brown Otter, Bear Martel. All the kids that call her "Gramma Patty." *It is not our intention to forget anybody, there's too many to name. *

Godchildren: Jade Farlee, Marty (Mister)Gipp, Gwen Valandra
Special Sister Friends: Karen Luger, Annette Yellow Fat, Judy Yellow Fat, Rhea Ducheneaux, Lynn Ducheneaux, Mary Alsace LaFromboise, Joy Brewer-Valandra, Donna Eagle Staff.

PLACE OF BURIAL:

St. Peter's Catholic Cemetery