

What Mom Took

*Most often when we think of Mom,
We think of what she's given:
The softness of a loving touch,
A gentle guide for living;
A nightly tip-toe in a room,
An understanding look;
But sometimes when I think of Mom
I think of what she took.
She took a child and taught it how
To live this life with pride
She took those kindergarten tears,
And kept them all inside.
She took the hand that longed to hold
Her child and not let go
Used them to push her child along
The way, to thrive and grow.
Took time to do some other things
Like sew, and clean and cook,
And never thought to ask for thanks
For all the things she took.
Thank, Mom.*

Judith Bond

She is Gone!

You can shed tears that she is gone
Or you can smile because she has lived.
You can close your eyes and pray that she'll come back
Or you can open your eyes and see all she's left.
Your heart can be empty because you can't see her
Or you can be full of the love you shared.
You can turn your back on tomorrow and live yesterday
Or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday.
You can remember her and only that she's gone
Or you can cherish her memory and let it live on.
You can cry and close your mind,
Be empty and turn your back
Or you can do what she'd want:
Smile, open your eyes, love and go on.

David Harkins

In Loving Memory of

Ramona Marcia Johnson

October 16, 1982 ~ July 25, 2026

Wake Services

*Lower Brule Community Center, Lower Brule, SD
7:00 p.m., Thursday, July 30, 2026
7:00 p.m., Friday, July 31, 2026*

Funeral Service

*Lower Brule Community Center, Lower Brule, SD
1:00 p.m., Saturday, August 1, 2026*

Officiating

Pastor Brad Edenburn

Elijah Walls

Casketbearers

*Cory Castaway
Mamut Blaine
Kendall Johnson, Sr.
Jeff Andrews
Malcolm Andres
Micah Lacota
Kendall Johnson, Jr.*

*Dylan Castaway
Joel Johnson
Bryce Johnson
Shane Grey Owl
Arnold Sauze III
Kyle Johnson*

*Alvin Johnson, Sr.
Arlen Johnson
Dean "Hubby" Lacota
Pat Driving Hawk, Jr.
Jake Lacota
Kyren Johnson
Ezra Johnson*

Honorary Bearers

*Leroy Goodface
Bobbie Middletent
Sonya Johnson
Delphine Andrews
Ursula Estes
Jory Brouse
Christina Felicia*

*Joelle Battese
Jason Goodface
Trish Quilt
Scott McBride
Angela Frenier
Kyle Hawk*

*Kamela Wilson
Wilma Wilson
Lydia Skunk
Anthony Castaway
Coy Fire Cloud
Mark Wakey
Hope Thompson*

Interment

Messiah Episcopal Cemetery, Iron Nation, SD

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

Ramona Marcia Johnson was born on October 16, 1982 to Donita and Alvin Johnson Sr. at Mid Dakota Hospital in Chamberlain, SD. She passed on July 25, 2026 in Sioux Falls, SD.

Ramona attended school in Lower Brule, St Joes, Lyman, Flandreau Indian School and graduated from Lower Brule with the class of 2001. She graduated from Lower Brule Community College in 2020 with her Associates of Arts in Elementary Education.

Ramona loved to play volleyball and basketball, enjoyed cruising around, loved spending time with her grandkids Dhazaria, Jahaziah, Raelee and Theodore.

Ramona gave birth to her first son Cory Joe in June 2003. Her second son Dylan was born in May 2010. In 2009 she took in her nephew Mamut as her own son. She had a special place for her nieces Dani and Meridith as she was always threatening them with her princess wand. She loved fixing their hair. She helped raise her nephew Ezra and nieces Eliza and Elora. She called her nephew Jake her Chinksi Waste.

Ramona is survived by her mother Donita of Lower Brule, her sons Dylan and Cory of Lower Brule, sisters Elaine (John) Olson of Ft. Thompson, Melinda (Dean) Lacota of Lower Brule, Alvita (Lemar) Neash of Chamberlain, brothers Andrew (Teresa) Mumford of Chocowinity NC, Joel of Rapid City, Alvin Jr, Arlen and Kendall Sr of Lower Brule and Bryce of Sioux Falls.

Ramona is survived by nieces, Lakita, Mallory, Mya, Krista, Meredith, Dani, Eliza, Elora and Adara. Nephews Malcolm, Arnold III, Mamut, Sebastian, Jake, Micah, Kyle, Ezra, Kendall Jr, Rylin Jr., Kyren, Taitum, and Teegan. Grandkids Jahazzia, Keturah, Atlee, Thayer, Dhazaria, Raelee, Theodore, Evangeline and Preston Jr.

Ramona was preceded in death by her father Alvin Sr, brother Thomas and sisters Alvina, Julie and Kelly, nieces Deja, Rianne, Bethany, Amanda, nephew Nathan, granddaughters Kaytana and Olivia.



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