



Sandra Lee Swift Eagle was born on November 7, 1950, at Old Fort Thompson to Vera LaRoche and Andrew Estes. She was adopted and raised by Sidney and Lacey Swift Eagle. She lived in Rapid City, South Dakota while her mom Lacey worked as head cook at Sioux San Hospital. At the age of 18 she relocated to San Jose, California where she met her love Derrick Rainbow, Sr. of San Jose. To this union, their son Derrick R. Rainbow, Jr, was born.

Sandra met David Anderson of San Jose, California and to this union, their son Maka Luta Swift Eagle was born.

Sandra moved to Rapid City after a brief stay in Montana. In Rapid City, she taught Lakota traditions part-time to middle and high school students. After many years in Rapid City, she retired. She then moved back to her homelands of Lower Brule, South Dakota. She later moved to Kennebec, South Dakota until her passing surrounded by her neighbors.

She passed away on Friday, February 27, 2026, in Pierre, South Dakota. She is survived by her son Derrick Rainbow, Jr of Honolulu, Hawaii, two sisters Patsy Schuler of Idaho, Dana Huber of Minnesota, niece Jolene LaRoche and family of Lower Brule, niece Ardis Marshall of Sioux Falls, Carol Marshall of Rapid City, cousin Josie Skunk of Lower Brule, cousin Lucille Skunk of Lower Brule, aunt Irene Skunk of Lower Brule as well as numerous nieces, nephews, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great- great grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her son, Maka Luta Swift Eagle, her parents Vera LaRoche and Andrew Estes, Sidney and Lacey Swift Eagle, sister Caroline Shaw, great- grandson Mathew Reddest, grandson Jamie Marshall, Derrick Rainbow, Sr, David Anderson, and several brothers and sisters.

In Loving Memory Of  
*Sandra L. Swift Eagle*



*A limb has fallen from the family tree that says grieve not for me.*

*Remember the Best Times,*

*The Laughter,*

*The Song,*

*The good life I lived while I was Strong.*

*In Loving Memory of*

# *Sandra L. Swift Eagle*

November 7, 1950 ~ February 27, 2026

## **Wake Services**

*Lower Brule Community Center, Lower Brule, SD*

*7:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 3, 2026*

## **Funeral Service**

*Lower Brule Community Center, Lower Brule, SD*

*1:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 4, 2026*

## **Officiating**

*Father Kim Fonder*

*Shirley Crane*

## **Casketbearers**

*James LaRoche*

*Joseph D.F. Skunk*

*Tim Estes*

*Xavier LaRoche*

*Corwin Patterson*

*Philip Battese, Jr.*

*Jeremy Langdeau*

*Jeshua Estes*

## **Honorary Bearers**

*Carol Marshall*

*Josie Skunk*

*Elaine Thompson*

*Ramona Hawkin*

*Ardis Marshall*

*Georgia Estes*

*Lucille Skunk*

*Myra Isburg*

*Karen Little Thunder*

*Tracy Shields*

*Jolene LaRoche*

*Susie Estes*

*Carol Seeking Land*

*Melody His Law*

*\*Willa Madison*

## **Interment**

*Holy Comforter Episcopal Cemetery, Lower Brule, SD*

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

*The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul; He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.*

*Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me; Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies; Thou anointest my head with oil, my cup runneth over.*

*Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.*

