

Lesly (Doll/Daughter) Ross was born July 16, 1968, in Chamberlain, SD to Leslie (Corky) Ross and Ivadell Kirkie. Lesly attended elementary school in Ft. Thompson and Crow Creek High school, Stephan, SD where she graduated.

Lesly later met Donald Big Eagle Sr and together they had 2 sons, Donald Gabriel Big Eagle Jr., and Benjamin James Big

Eagle and one daughter Leona Mae Marquez.

Grandchildren: Kesha Big Eagle, Gabe Big Eagle, Olivia, Jamiah and many more grandchildren.

Lesly is survived by her sisters; Cameron "Sis" Ross, Ursula Ross, Bryant Ross all of Ft. Thompson and Dennis "Weets" Ross of Wagner, SD and her loving husband Larry Gayton of Ft. Thompson.

September 17, 2009, she married Larry Gayton, together made an incredible team. Whether is be helping family with yard work, caring for grand kids, fixing things around the house, or enjoying music together, their partnership was built on love, laughter, devotion for family. Their home was always filled with warmth, love and laughter.

Lesly's creative spirit shimmered through everything she touched, she restored antiques, added sparkle to the ordinary and shared her joy through art and music. Doll proudly played third base in her family's softball team founded by her mom, Ivy and her uncle, competing fiercely at the West River softball tournament in Presho, SD, she played a little basketball in her youth. Though her sons were incarcerated, her love for them never wavered, she leaves behind a legacy of strength, compassion and grace.

Doll was preceded in death by her mom, Ivadell Head, step dad, Harry Head, her dad, Leslie "Corky" Ross, maternal grandparents, Leon and Laura Kirkie Sr.



IN LOVING MEMORY



Lesly Lynette Ross-Gayton

(Doll/Daughter)

July 16, 1968 - June 18, 2025





"My Mom's Prayers"

Now I lay me to sleep, I pray the Lord my soul to keep. If I die before I wake. I pray my soul to take Amen.

Our Father who art in Heaven , hollowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. They will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever.

Amen.

Jesus tender Shepard, hear me, bless thy little lamb tonight, through thy darkness by thy near me, keep me safe morning and night.

Amen



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July 16, 1968—June 18, 2025

Wake Services

Akicita Mato Tribal Gym, Ft. Thompson, SD

7:00pm Monday, June 23, 2025

Funeral Services

Presbyterian Cemetery

Fort Thompson, SD

1PM Tuesday, June 24, 2025

Officiating

Rod Vaughn

Casket bearers

Melby Kirkie	Marylou Boyzo	Donald Big Eagle Sr.	Wendy Brown
Gabe Big Eagle	Dolly Bird	Benjamin Big Eagle	Bernell LaRoch
Monte Kirkie	Bonnie Fay St. Joh	Nate Ross	Robin Rockwood
Craig Ross	Donald Big Eagle Jr.	Rebecca Rockwood	

Honorary Bearers

Jamie Poulson	Kolten Hall	Tracie Thunderhorse	Kyle Ashes
Russell Kirkie	Adrian Abernathy	Sheree Bagola	Evelyn/Mark Weisler
Terry/Serena Abernathy	Jolonna Sazue	Rod Vaughn	Buffy Voice
Loren & Bruce Azure	Mark Wells	Eddie Isburg	Verlyn Jenesse
Charolette/Ray Gonzales	Christine Obago	Paul Rouse	Elroy Walking Bull
Toni Raurlard	Chepa Rank	June Harrison	Rosie Drapeau
Chelsa Ortly	Kellie Peterson	Michelle Packer	Phyllis Dion
Anna Bell	Luke Wells	Milly Drapeau	Brenda Kirkie
April Wells	Brenda Kirkie	Jamie Walking Bull	Manny Harrison
Natalie His Law	Val LaRoch	Yolanda Flowers	Tony Big Eagle

All Friends & Relatives