



Helen Cordelia (Dixie) Alkire, 83 years of age, was born on February 20, 1938 in Rock Creek, SD, to Winifred Crowghost (White Paw) and Samual Crowghost. Helen had one older sister and two younger brothers. She lived her childhood in Rock Creek, SD, eventually attended boarding school from 8th grade to high school. Where she learned English and her love for Jesus Christ.

Helen graduated high school and later became a teacher's aid. In the 1970s, she graduated with her bachelors degree in early elementary education from the University of North Dakota, which began her 36 year career as an elementary school teacher. In those years she built many relationships with students whom now consider her their Unci. Following her first retirement, she served on the SRCS School Board. She then returned back to share her love for our language and became a Lakota Language teacher. In the late 1950's, she married Basil Alkire with whom she has six children, one hunka son, and two hunka daughters. Helen had special relationships with each of her grandchildren and raised her great granddaughter Beautiful up until her death. She dedicated her life to Christ and shared this love with her family. Helen and her family enjoyed attending the Baptist and Episcopal church. She spent many years enjoying traveling with Basil to their children and grandchildren's school activities, sports, powwows and rodeos. She loved being an active community member and traveling with friends and loved ones to community events. Helen enjoyed spending time at the casinos, where she loved to socialize and share stories with others. She was a dedicated wife, mother, grandmother, and friend, who took in anyone who was in need of a place to stay.

Helen will be dearly missed by her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren; Keith Jerome Alkire, Janet (Sherman Gallup) Alkire, Tamara Rae Alkire (Keith Fredericks), Pamela Rae Alkire, Robert Basil Alkire (Wildene), Beautiful Crowghost, Jesse James Alkire (Ashley, Jaid, Tila, Cadence, and Pax), Lance McAllister (Kimimila, Lola, Max, Harper, Cambrie, and Morning Star), Savannah Alkire (Andre and Khaliq), Nicole Alkire (Layla, Gun'r, Nora, and Willow), Hilary Alkire (Amar'e), Helen Thomas, Betty Thomas, Autumn Alkire, Tianna (Bug) Alkire, Kai Alkire, Andrew Fredericks, Cierra and Kiara Aman, and Shelby Baker (T'ea). Helen was preceded in death by her husband, Basil Alkire, daughter, Stacey Alkire, granddaughter, Ashley Alkire, and Jamie Red Bear.



In Loving Memory of:

Helen C. Alkire

Winyan Wakátinya

February 20, 1938 - October 31, 2021





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*Winyan Wakátinya - Woman Who Holds
Herself with High Honor*

83 years | 8 months | 11 days

BORN:

February 20, 1935

Rock Creek, SD

PASSED AWAY:

October 31, 2021

In her home

FUNERAL SERVICE:

10:00 A.M. Friday, November 5, 2021

Redeemer Lutheran Church

McLaughlin, SD

OFFICIATING:

Father John Floberg

CASKETBEARERS:

Jesse Alkire, Kai Alkire, Lance McAllister, Andre Austin,
Gun'r Mauai, Keith Alkire, Sherman Gallup, Eric Bruguier,
Andrew Fredericks, Jaid Alkire

HONORARY CASKETBEARERS:

Jeannie CrowGhost and family, Renee CrowGhost and family, Errol Crowghost and family, Rosemary CrowGhost and family, Red Bear Family, White Paw Family, Steele Family, Carmel Bear Ribs and family, Della No Heart, Karen Reynolds, Marie Brown, Phyllis Young, Rosalyn Sanland, Patty Kelly, Mary Louise Defender, Virgil Taken Alive, Darlene Martinez, Jan Two Shields, Kerry Libby, Frank Jamerson, Doug Wilkinson, Tonja and Joel Wood, Natika Baker and family, Linda, Maurice, and Mona Antell and family, Tim and Laura Mentz, Justine Parker, Jordan Mann and family, Carmen Two Bears and family, Yellow Fat family, Holly Young and family, Cara and Ken Hall, Jay Claymore, Kenny Alkire and family, Robert Gipp and family, Standing Rock Elementary Staff and Students, Chief Riders past and future, Motorcycle riders, SRST Game and Fish, Dawn Hertel, and all those who have helped. If there is anyone we have not mentioned, please forgive us during this time of grief.

BURIAL:

3:00 pm Friday, November 5, 2021

North Dakota Veteran's Cemetery

Mandan, ND

Arrangements Entrusted to Kesling Funeral Home

*To Mother and
Grandmother*

A MILLION TIMES WE THOUGHT OF YOU,
A MILLION TIMES WE CRIED,
IF LOVE ALONE COULD HAVE SAVED YOU,
YOU NEVER WOULD HAVE DIED.

IN LIFE WE LOVED YOU DEARLY,
IN DEATH WE LOVE YOU STILL.
IN OUR HEARTS YOU HOLD A PLACE
NO ONE COULD EVER FILL.

IT BROKE OUR HEARTS TO LOSE YOU.
BUT YOU DIDN'T GO ALONE.
FOR PART OF US WENT WITH YOU
THE DAY GOD TOOK YOU HOME.