Footprints

One night I had a dream. I was walking along the beach with the LORD. Across the sky flashed scenes from my life. For each scene, I noticed two sets of footprints in the sand, one was mine, and the other was the LORD's. When the last scene of my life flashed before me, I looked back at the footprints in the sand, and, to my surprise, I noticed that many times along the path of my life there was only one set of footprints. I also noticed that it happened at the very lowest and saddest times in my life. I asked the Lord about it: "LORD, you said that once I decided to follow you, you would walk with me all the way. But I have noticed that during the most troublesome times in my life, there is only one set of footprints. I don't understand why you left my side when I needed you most." The LORD replied, "My precious, precious child, I love you and I would never leave you. During your times of trial and suffering, when you saw only one set of footprints, it was then that I carried you."

In Loving Memory of

Celeste Marie Red Elk

October 29, 1975 ~ January 18, 2022

Wake Service

Fort Thompson Community Center, Fort Thompson, SD
7:00 p.m., Monday, January 24, 2022
7:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 25, 2022

Funeral Service

Fort Thompson Community Center, Fort Thompson, SD
1:00 p.m., Wednesday, January 26, 2022

Officiating

Father David Hussey *Heather Collins* *Shirley Crane*

Casketbearers

Jameson Ziegler *Jordon Ziegler* *Chad Ziegler*
Lucas Middletent *Brad Wilson* *Bob Merritt*
Keith Heth *Richard Ross* *Jimmy Summers*
Waylon Black Crow *LaDanianin Collins*

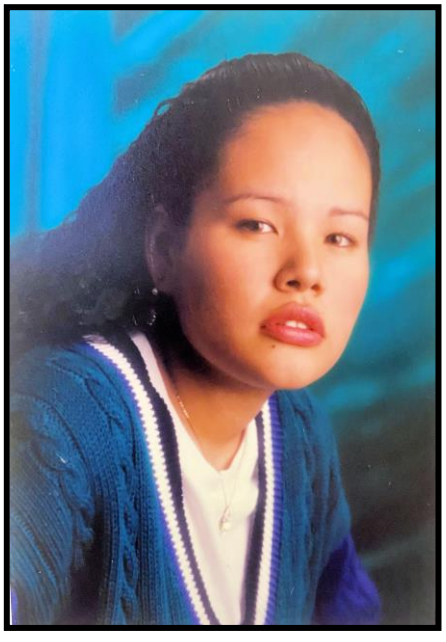
Honorary Bearers

Tiffany Monteau *Tally Monteau* *Hope His Law*
Raelyn Wind *Monica Wind* *Georgia Wilson*
Amber Wilson *Kimberly Wilson* *Joyce Hoffer*
Heather Harrison *Kim Heth* *Stacey Shields †*
Laura Big Eagle† *Mary Jane Medicine Crow* *Talisa Fleury*
Linda Pomani *Leatha Lee Loudner* *Jessica Withorn*
Kellie Taylor *Tamra Merritt* *Dreamus Spider*
Monica Traversie *Daniel Traversie* *Mike Coleman Jr.*
Jon Coleman *Lori 'Bear' Traversie* *Kira Kirkie*
Crystal St. John *Kyle Kirkie* *Kirsten Comes Flying*
Chasis Hawk *All St. Pierre Family*
All Blaine Family *All Stands Over Bull Family*
All Ziegler Family *All DeSheuquette Family*
And many friends and family too numerous to mention

Interment

St. John's Episcopal Cemetery, Crow Creek, SD

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



Celeste Marie Red Elk was born to Russell Red Elk and Violet Cook on October 29, 1975. Celeste made her journey to the Spirit World on January 18, 2022, at home in Fort Thompson, South Dakota.

Celeste attended school at Chamberlain Elementary and Middle School and later graduating eighth grade in Wolf Point, Montana. Celeste attended high school in Chamberlain until 1993, before graduating from Plenty Coups High School in 1994. Celeste started Nursing School, then switched her major to business management at Northwest College in Powell, Wyoming.

Celeste made friends wherever she went. Celeste enjoyed having good times with family and friends. Celeste enjoyed beading. She loved cooking and cleaning for her nieces/nephews. Celeste was there when someone needed help or friend.

Celeste greatest love was her children and grandchildren. She treasured the time spent with them.

Celeste loved her job with Positive Directions, this employed her in different places from Durango Colorado to Mt. Laurel, New Jersey. Celeste was also employed by Lode Star Casino as Cage Manager. Celeste moved to Chamberlain, was employed at McDonalds, Pizza Hut and Comfort Inn.

Celeste is survived by her son, Dante Stands Over Bull and granddaughter, Stormie Rae; siblings, Jon (Paige) Collins, Gina (Eric) Gladman, Preston (Krystle) Collins, and Wellman "Ollie" Collins; her special friend Tony Big Eagle; her Ft. Peck Ospaye: Aunts, Lois Red Elk Reed and Iris Red Elk Allrunner; cousins, Dustin and Neil Reed, Steven, Russell, Austin and Stephanie Barr, and James Summers; nieces and nephews; LaDanianin (Jasper), Adonis, Nevaeh, and Uriah Collins. Caleb Gladman, Prince, Thunder, Jairico, Renny and Preston Jr. Collins. Violet, Oliver, Tamia, Briyani, and Ambria Collins and many other nieces and nephews. She has 20 nieces and nephews.

Celeste was preceded in death by her parents, Russell and Violet; brother, Lorenzo Collins Jr., grandparents Cecelia (Like Him) and George Cook; aunts: Marjorie and Loylee Cook, and Elaine Red Elk; uncles Richard (Dicky) and Robert (Bobby) Cook.

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