

In Loving Memory of  
**Mary Lorraine Shields**

November 27, 1935 ~ December 2, 2022

**Wake Service**

Lower Brule Community Center, Lower Brule, SD

7:00 p.m., Wednesday, December 7, 2022

7:00 p.m., Thursday, December 8, 2022

**Funeral Service**

Lower Brule Community Center, Lower Brule, SD

1:00 p.m., Friday, December 9, 2022

**Officiating**

Father David Hussey  
Shirley Crane

Father Kim Fonder  
Heather Collins

**Casketbearers**

Orson Middlelent  
Kyal Middlelent  
Kansas Middlelent

Ronald Middlelent  
Shane Grey Owl

D.J. Middlelent  
Brad Bacon  
Cameron Middlelent

**Honorary Bearers**

Kim Schweitzer  
Dallas Michalek  
Beth Bacon  
Rose Eagle Star  
Pudgy LaRoche  
Julie Yellow Robe  
Marlene Crow  
Roland Crane  
Toto Carpenter  
Kristy Olson  
Kelly Madsen  
Pat & Chris Madsen  
Evelyn Charging  
Karen LeDeaux  
Dr. John Jones

Trish Lundell  
Gary Bingen  
Ronald Deshequette Sr. "RD"  
Jewel Jandreau  
Helen Chmela  
Irene Skunk  
Marie Charger  
Fay Hickey  
Father Jim Pearson  
Kim Madsen  
Mary Jane & Boyd Gourneau  
John McCauley  
Marilyn Harmon  
Charles Flute Sr.

Shirley Crane  
Kim Fonder  
Bob Merritt  
Bim Estes  
Gloria Randall  
Perry Estes  
Pauline Middlelent  
Roland St. John  
Sam Flute  
Willie Madsen  
Pat Kerwin  
Wilma Wilson  
Georgia Estes  
Bernetta Traversie  
Sanford Long Term Care Staff

All Her CHR Workers

**Interment**

Messiah Episcopal Cemetery, Iron Nation, SD

Arrangements By: Hickey Funeral Home, Chamberlain, SD

One night I dreamed I was walking along the beach with the Lord.

Many scenes from my life flashed across the sky.

In each scene I noticed footprints in the sand.

Sometimes there were two sets of footprints,  
other times there were one set of footprints.

This bothered me because I noticed  
that during the low periods of my life,  
when I was suffering from  
anguish, sorrow or defeat,  
I could see only one set of footprints.

So I said to the Lord,  
"You promised me Lord,  
that if I followed you,  
you would walk with me always.

But I have noticed that during  
the most trying periods of my life  
there have only been one  
set of footprints in the sand.

Why, when I needed you most,  
you have not been there for me?"

The Lord replied,  
"The times when you have  
seen only one set of footprints in the sand,  
is when I carried you."

Mary Lorraine DeWitt was born November 27, 1935 to Ben Ash DeWitt and Lenora (Blackbird) DeWitt at North Iron Nation, SD. She was raised in Reliance and Lower Brule. She attended St. Mary's Espocial Girls School.

On November 10, 1955, she was united in marriage to Nathan Middletent and to that union eight children were born: Ben, Dale, Darrell, Denise, Marletta, Keith, Terry, and Mavis and three Hunka sons Brad Bacon, Bart Ness, and LeRoy Choal.

She ran a daycare and spent most of her career for Lower Brule Sioux Tribe at C.H.R. from August 1987 to September of 2018.

She was united in marriage to Edward Shields on August 31, 1990.

Mary loved going to her grandchildren's sporting events, rodeos, and was very active in her church. She loved sitting on her deck with her coffee watching everyone go by and her beloved dog Tipsey.

Mary opened her house up to everyone and always had a big pot of soup going. She was very outspoken and would tell you like it was.

Mary was loved by so many. She always knew how to brighten someone's day and make them feel loved. She treated everyone with kindness and respect. She rarely got mad and when she did, she had a darn good reason. Her outlook on life was inspiring. If you were lucky enough to spend more than five minutes in her presence you were forever changed.

Mary entered the Spirit World on December 2, 2022 at Sanford Care Center in Chamberlain at the age of 87 years. Gratefully sharing her life are her children Dale, Darrell (Dawn), Denise (Fay), Marletta (Bob), Terry, and Mavis; her sister Sharon (Gary); 33 grandchildren; 79 great grandchildren; four great great grandchildren; three hunka sons Brad Bacon, Bart Ness, and LeRoy Choal; and many nieces, nephews, and family.

Preceding her in death were her parents Ben and Lenora DeWitt, husbands Nathan and Edward; son and his wife Ben and Martina Middletent; daughter-in-law Robin LaRoche Middletent; son Keith; great granddaughter Ronette; great grandson Ethan Middletent; sisters Beth, Grace, Darlene, Etta, and Carol; and brothers Benny, Truman, Tony, Marvin, Charles, Lawrence, and Clarence.

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