

In Loving Memory of
Winona Faye Byno

July 23, 1962 ~ July 7, 2024

Devotions Service

Crow Creek Tribal Hall, Fort Thompson, SD

7:00 p.m., Thursday, July 11, 2024

NAC, Fort Thompson, SD

Friday, July 12, 2024

Funeral Service

Lakeview Cemetery, Fort Thompson, SD

12:00 p.m. (noon), Saturday, July 13, 2024

Casketbearers

Ramez Merritt

Colin Fly

Kurt His Law

Darren Rencountre

Bernie Merritt

Isaiah Keeble

Joseph Merritt

Kyle Merritt

Defond Obago

Honorary Bearers

All Her Family & Friends too many to mention

Interment

Lakeview Cemetery, Fort Thompson, SD

Arrangements By: Hickey Funeral Home, Chamberlain, SD

*So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed,
for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help
you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.*

Isaiah 41-10

God's Garden

God looked around His garden, and He found an empty place. He then looked down upon this earth, and saw your tired face. He put His arms around you, and lifted you to rest; God's garden must be beautiful, He takes only the best. He knew that you were suffering, He knew you were in pain, He knew that you would never get well on earth again. So, He closed your weary eyelids, and whispered "Peace be thine." It broke our hearts to lose you but you did not go alone; for part of us went with you, the day God called you home.

Winona Faye Pomani was born July 23, 1962 at the Community Bailey Hospital in Chamberlain to Donald Middletent Sr. and Gail Madeline Pomani.

Winona was the eldest of nine children. She attended school at Fort Thompson Elementary School, Pierre Indian Learning Center, Crow Creek High School, school in California and finally nursing school in Sioux City, IA. Winona worked as a CNA, alcohol and drug counselor, at a homeless shelter, and an advocate.

She loved to garden, bead earrings and ribbon skirts. She also loved going to Sundance, riding around visiting relatives, and going to thrift stores and picking up clothing for others. In 1988 Winona met Ernie, in 1992 was united in marriage, her special love for her husband will forever be cherished.

Winona was foster parent and cared for her special niece for five years.

Winona made her journey to the Spirit World on July 7, 2024 at Sanford Medical Center in Chamberlain, SD due to medical complications at the age of 61. Gratefully sharing her life are her husband Ernie, daughters Nicole/Peter Mirreaux, Abigail Reed, son Buckley Reed, sisters Wanda Merritt-Comes Flying, Hazel Merritt, Lisa Merritt, Val (Ted) Voice, Hope His Law, brothers Robert (Marletta) Merritt Jr., Kurt His Law, and Ambrose & Wilfred Keeble, grandchildren Arianna Mirreaux, Christian Lengkeek, Elias Mirreaux, Ashley Steele, Lexi Steele, Ethan Steele, Tyler Steele, and Chance Steele. She is also survived by niece Leisa Pomani, who she cared for for over five years, her Emerson Spider extended/adopted family, and her lifelong friend/relatives Tammy (Terry) Fool Bull, Mona Rencountre, Tammy Big Eagle, Odien St. John, Christian Obago, Joyce Coleman, Candy World Turner, and Tim Grassrope.

Preceding her in death were her mother Madeline Pomani, father Donald Middletent Sr., adopted father Emerson Spider Sr., brothers Patrick Pomani, Louie Middletent, infant sister, grandfather Buckley Gage Pomani, grandmother Helen Plays With Iron, aunts Magnus Keeble, Mary Sargent, Melerine Fisher, Shelia Stricker, uncles Gabe, Delbert Sr., Robert "Bobbie", Leroy, Buzzy, Kelsey, some of Adeline Middletent Family.

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