

## I'M FREE

Don't grieve for me for now I'm free,  
I'm following the path God laid for me.  
I took His hand when I heard Him call;

I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day

To laugh, to love, to work or play.

Tasks left undone must stay that way;

I found my place at the close of day.

If my parting has left a void

Then fill it with remembered joys.

A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss

Ah yes, these things I too shall miss,

Be not burdened with times of sorrow:

I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.

My life's been full, I savoured much;

Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.

Perhaps my life seemed all too brief:

Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.

Lift up your heart and share with me;

God wanted me now, he set me free.

*In Loving Memory of*

# Laura Jean Big Eagle

## Wake Services

*Diamond Willow Ministries, Fort Thompson, SD*

*7:00 p.m., Thursday, February 18, 2021*

*7:00 p.m., Friday, February 19, 2021*

## Funeral Service

*Diamond Willow Ministries, Fort Thompson, SD*

*1:00 p.m., Saturday, February 20, 2021*

## Officiating

*Rod Vaughn*

## Casketbearers

*Gideon Saul*

*Devon Saul*

*Joey Gonzales*

*Kaler Kirkie*

*Marty Withhorn*

*Burton Saul*

*Tee Saul*

*TJ McBride*

*BJ Withhorn*

*Oscar Walking Bull*

## Honorary Bearers

*Rose Drapreau*

*Celest Red Elk*

*Brenda St. John*

*Charlie His Law*

*Lisa Lengkeek*

*Dollie Bird*

*Dreamis Ziegler*

*Jamie Walking Bull*

*Annie McBride*

*Jess Withhorn*

*Ellen Quilt*

*Marilyn Fallis*

*Elmer Pickner*

*Diane Miller*

*Jenn Wounded Knee*

*Quincee Gonzales*

*Ben Comes Flying*

*Contessa Saul*

*Leslie KK Sazue*

*Katie Kirkie*

*Big E Thompson*

*Milly Drapreau*

*Fawn Withhorn*

*June Harrison*

*Kathy Hackett*

*George Grey Cloud*

*Brianne Saul*

*Tylie Sazue*

## Interment

*Christ Episcopal Cemetery, Fort Thompson, SD*

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

Laura Jean Big Eagle was born on April 19, 1954 to Josephine (Bad Moccasin) and Bert McBride in Chamberlain, South Dakota.

Laura loved the color purple. She also loved her Mean Green. She enjoyed going to Bingo and to the casino. She liked playing dice, cards, working on crosswords and cooking. Laura was a cowgirl! She spent most of her time with special friend Rose Drapeau and special niece Jess Horn.

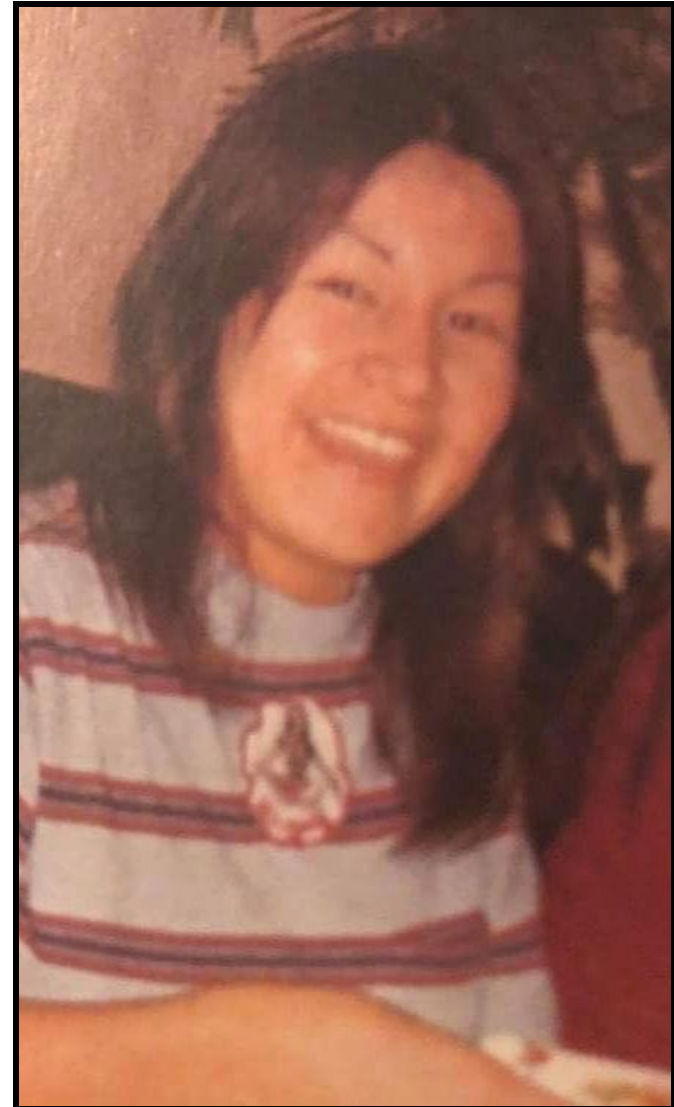
Laura worked as an EMT for the Crow Creek Sioux Tribe Ambulance for over 20 years.

Laura loved all her family, her sister Lottie, Nieces and Nephews and her grandkids, especially Jrue and Telyus.

Laura is survived by her brother Reynold Pratt (St. Paul, MN), sisters Lottie (Mark) Miller (Anaheim, CA), Kathy Hackett (Sturgis, SD), Emily McBride and Mary Strong ( Bemidji, MN), a very special friend Rick Thompson (Fort Thompson), nephews and nieces Gideon Saul, Quincee Kirkie-Gonzales (Fort Thompson), Burton Saul (Aberdeen, SD), Contessa Saul (Green Bay, WI), Dina Postoak, Kathryn Pratt, Michael Pratt, Timothy Pratt, and Jamie Pratt, grandchildren Devon Saul, Brianne Saul and Tee Saul (all of Fort Thompson), great grandchildren Jahvel Saul, Cecil Saul, Jrue Saul Kais'lee Saul, and Kassiah Saul (all of Fort Thompson, and many other relatives and friends.

Preceding her in death are her parents Bert and Josephine, brothers Wade Aikins, Gilbert McBride, Patrick Pratt and Duane Pratt, sister Cheryl Saul, and great grandson Brevin Saul.

## *In Loving Memory Of*



# **Laura Jean Big Eagle**

April 19, 1954 ~ February 15, 2021