She is Gone!

You can shed tears that she is gone
Or you can smile because she has lived.

You can close your eyes and pray that she'll come back
Or you can open your eyes and see all she's left.

Your heart can be empty because you can't see her
Or you can be full of the love you shared.

You can turn your back on tomorrow and live yesterday
Or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday.

You can remember her and only that she's gone
Or you can cherish her memory and let it live on.

You can cry and close your mind,
Be empty and turn your back
Or you can do what she'd want:
Smile, open your eyes, love and go on.

David Harkins

In Loving Memory of

Brenda Joyce Dion

Tahiŋca Winyan "Deer Woman"

February 3, 1948 - November 28, 2020

Graveside Service

St. John's Episcopal Cemetery
Crow Creek, SD
Thursday, December 3, 2020
1:00 p.m.

Officiating

Armond "Red" Olson
Terry Quilt

Casketbearers

Shane Pease
Scott Shields
Evan Hawk
Rudy Gonzales
Shawn Pease
Marvin Grass Rope
Albert "Buck" Fallis Sr.
Keith Hawk

Honorary Bearers

Wallace Pease Jr.
Ian Long
Michelle Pease
Dilly Dilly Dart Team
Lana Steele
Roberta Pease
Susie Pease
Richard Pease
Sierra Dion
Aurora Lundberg
Avis Dion
Kate Ratliff
Robert Colombe
Katie Goodlow
Tracy Dion
BIA Law Enforcement
Brule County Sheriff Darrell Miller
Buffalo County Sheriff Wayne Willman

Interment

St. John's Episcopal Cemetery
Crow Creek, SD

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

Brenda was born February 3, 1948 in Gann Valley, SD to Leonard and Winifred (Ashley) Pease Sr. and her biological father Verdale Veo. Brenda was the oldest of twelve children.

Brenda worked various jobs but spent thirty six years working for BIA as a property and supply clerk and then as a law enforcement dispatcher supervisor retiring in 2018.

On February 14, 1999, Brenda was united in marriage to Douglas Dion, the love of her life.

Her hobbies were watching her husband throw darts. She loved reading, doing crossword puzzles, cruising and baking.

Brenda passed away on November 28, 2020 at Sanford USD Medical Center in Sioux Falls, SD at the age of 72 years. Gratefully sharing her life is her husband Douglas Dion of Fort Thompson; son Gilbert (Mary Ellen) Pease of Kingman, AZ and daughter Shauna Dion and grandchildren of Sioux Falls, SD; sisters Lana (Richard) Steele of Crow Creek, SD, and Kate Ratliff of Port Wentworth, GA; brothers Chad Pease of Crow Creek, SD, and Robert Colombe of Pukwana, SD; and too many nieces, nephews, grandchildren, and great grandchildren to mention.

Preceding her in death were her parents Leonard and Winifred Pease Sr., her biological father Verdale Veo, three brothers Leonard Jr., Richard and Wallace Sr.; sisters Sharon Hawk, Elizabeth, Dianna, Donna, Delores, and Janet Pease; nephews Austin Hawk Sr., and Jordan “Turtle” Steele, and grandson Chris Lee “the hellraiser”.

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