

*In Loving Memory of*  
**Winona Marie “Nonie” Byington**

May 9, 1957 ~ September 12, 2025

**Wake Services**

Holy Comforter Episcopal Church, Lower Brule, SD  
7:00 p.m., Wednesday, September 17, 2025  
Lower Brule Community Center, Lower Brule, SD  
7:00 p.m., Thursday, September 18, 2025

**Funeral Service**

Lower Brule Community Center, Lower Brule, SD  
1:00 p.m., Friday, September 19, 2025

**Officiating**

Father Kim Fonder                      Shirley Crane                      Armond “Red” Olson                      Terry Quilt

**Casketbearers**

Francis W. Byington, Jr.	Brian Joseph Byington	Jayden Blue
Jason Long, Jr.	Camden Rivers	Swan Byington
Ronald F. Quilt	Leighton LaRoche, Jr.	Jasper Eagle Star
Wade Felicia		Samuel Quilt
David Quilt		Kenneth Quilt

**Honorary Bearers**

*The family would like to recognize some very special friends who were more like family and special family members too. Special Niece Kathleen and family and Special Niece Susan Quilt and family, Rose (Quilt) Eagle Star and family, Tracy (Wilson) Ewing and family, Jeanie (Charging Eagle) Jorgenson\*, Josephine Skunk and family, Cheryll LaRoche and Family, Red Langdeau and family, Sandy Byington and family, Flora (Quilt) St. Cloud and family, Lucille Skunk and family, Pauline Middleton and family, Dorcas Quilt-Bengin and family, Nancy Eaglestar and family, Jasper Eagle Star, Margaret Eaglestar and family, Bessie Goodface and family, Carollee Thigh and family, Diane Langdeau+ and family, Gabe LaRoche and family, Earl LaRoche and family, Annette Big Eagle and family, Jane Big Eagle and family, Fidelia Skunk and family, Amy Grey Cloud and Family, Franny/Grady Iron Heart and Family, Frank Iron Heart and Family, Boyd Gourneau and Family, Lori-Ann Gourneau and family, Patty Gourneau and family, Jody Gourneau and family, Kay+ and Lee Gourneau+, Kara Gourneau and Family, Everyone Nonie worked with at the Elementary school during 1990 to 2005 (approximately). And blessings to all her fellow co-workers from the tribe. Thanks and respect to Sanford Chamberlain Dialysis Nurses and team, Dixie and Tressa were instrumental in providing compassion and love to my mother during her time she spent with them. Family would like recognition given to the Fort Yates Indian Health Service Nurses and Emergency Room nurses and team, providers and especially Dr. Spittler and Dr. Ulu.*

**Interment**

St. Mary’s Catholic Cemetery, Lower Brule, SD

*Oh, Great Spirit, whose breath gives life to all the world,  
hear my prayers. My mother has walked on, and my heart is  
heavy with sadness. I ask for strength and wisdom to  
understand this change.*

*Grandmother Earth, into your loving arms, we give her body.  
Hold her gently, and allow her energy to feed the new life  
that comes forth. In her, I have learned caring, just as you  
nurture all life.*

*As her spirit travels the Spirit Road to the stars, we honor her  
journey. As she walks with peace and love as she join the  
ancestors who watch over us.*

*Help me to listen for her wisdom in the wind and remember  
her love in the silence between heartbeats. Let me walk in  
beauty and honor her memory in all my relations.*

*Mitakuye Oyasin—All my relations.*

Winona Marie (Quilt) Byington was born May 7, 1957 at 7:40 am at the Community Bailey Hospital in Chamberlain, SD. She was born to Viola (Black Dog) Quilt and Felix Anton Quilt. She went by Nonie.

Nonie attended Lower Brule Day school and then attended Lower Brule Jr. High and High School. She attended Chilocco Indian School in Oklahoma for one school year. Nonie went on to earn her General Education Degree at the age of 22.

Nonie birthed Camie (Quilt) Rivers on December 24<sup>th</sup>, 1979, Candace Lee Byington on January 24<sup>th</sup>, 1982, Sophie Marie Byington on January 27<sup>th</sup>, 1983, Francis Warren Byington, Jr. on February 15<sup>th</sup>, 1984, and Brian Joseph Byington on January 27<sup>th</sup>, 1985.

Nonie spent her life working for the tribe, first during the summer for the JTPA Work programs and later her career was spent working for the Lower Brule Elementary School from 1990 to 2015. In her retirement years, she worked various jobs with the LBST answering multiple phone lines during the day. During this career she also spent time volunteering coaching for the 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Basketball for the Lower Brule Elementary school. These were the best times of her life with her partner Smokey by her side helping coach the girls.

Nonie and Smokey were married at the Baptist Church by Brother / Pastor Mike Small Jumper on October 11, 2002.

She is survived by her children Camie (Quilt) Rivers, Candace Byington, Sophie Byington, Francis Byington Jr., and Brian Byington, her grandchildren, great grandchildren, Amy Grey Cloud and many other relatives and friends.

Preceding her in death were her parents, two sisters Renee Quilt and Ethel Quilt, a brother John Quilt, and many other relatives and friends.

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