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.

In Loving Memory of

Zona Mae Big Eagle

October 5, 1990 ~ August 6, 2025

Wake Services

St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Fort Thompson, SD
7:00 p.m., Monday, August 11, 2025
7:00 p.m., Tuesday, August 12, 2025

Funeral Service

St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Fort Thompson, SD
10:00 a.m., Wednesday, August 13, 2025

Officiating

Fr. Christianus Hendrik SCJ
Fr. Marius Saputra SCJ
Fr. Floriber Bulo SCJ
Deacon Steve McLaughlin

Casketbearers

Demitrius Big Eagle
Nicholas Big Eagle
Donald Big Eagle Sr.
Donald Big Eagle Jr.
Donald "Gabe" Big Eagle III
Cory Chase
Uriah "Chino" Gonzales
Jacob Big Eagle
Cassius Big Eagle
Jason Jennesse
Kevin Big Eagle
Anthony Touche

Honorary Bearers

Bernard Big Eagle
Leslie Thompson-Jennesse
Sarah Big Eagle
Melissa Grey Cloud
Verlin Jennesse
Edmond St. John
Marcie Big Eagle
Malissa Big Eagle
Roxanne Sazue
Joanne Rencountre
Janice Jennesse
Darrius Jennesse
Cody LeCompte
Durine Chase
Amber Touche
Raelynn Wind
Sharon Jennesse
Mona Marie Big Eagle
Stacie Big Eagle
Dale Thompson
Leonard Metcalf
Leslie Pease
Tony Big Eagle
Madeline Big Eagle
Marie Touche
Roberta Pease
Jamie Johnson
Arliss Big Eagle
Norma Big Eagle
Renee White Mouse
Alayna Jarelle
Darla Voice
MaKayla Rabbit
Misty Meyers

Interment

Christ Episcopal Cemetery, Fort Thompson, SD

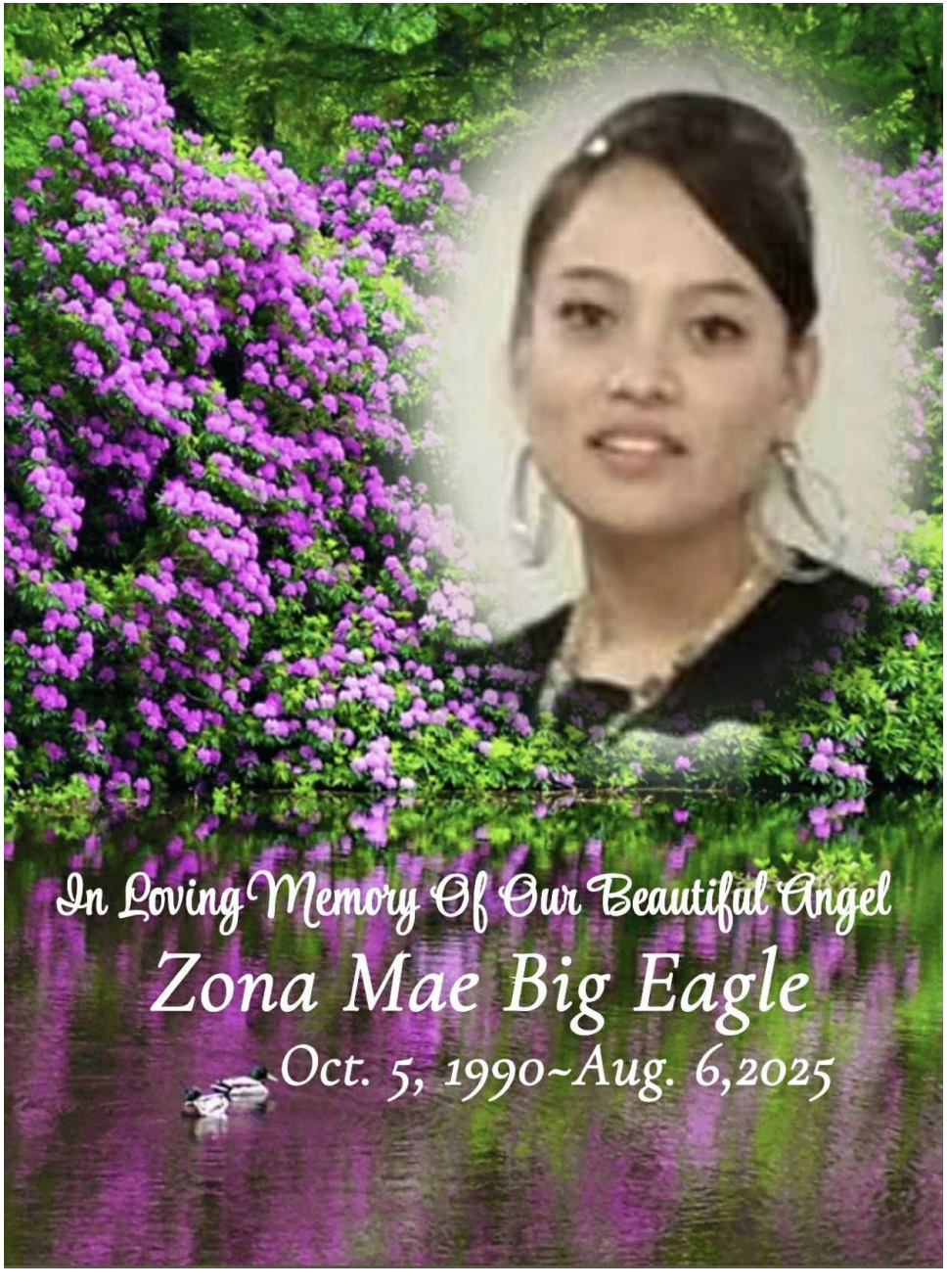
***Arrangements By**: Hickey Funeral Home, Chamberlain, SD*

Our beloved daughter Zona Mae Big Eagle made her journey on August 6th, 2025, in Rochester Minnesota. She was 34 years young. Zona Mae was born on October 5th, 1990 to Madeline (Jennesse) Big Eagle and Donald Big Eagle Sr.

Zona grew up in Fort Thompson, SD. She attended Fort Thompson Elementary School, she also attended St. Joseph's Indian School, Chamberlain Public School and Crow Creek Tribal School. In 2009, Zona graduated from Chamberlain High School.

Zona was a very kindhearted and loving young lady who lit up a room with her beautiful smile and contagious laugh. Zona loved her family and especially all 6 of her children: Crystal Lynn, Demitrius Don, Allianna, Zayleigh, Qayleigh and Cassius and helped care for Mildred right out of high school. Zona loved to spend quality time w/her children including going to the park, movie nights, shopping, loved getting her nails and hair done. She loved to cruise around to see her friends and huge Green Bay Packers fan. She continually checked on her parents daily, even calling and willing to lend a helping hand. Zona made sure that not only her parents were taken care of but also relatives and friends. Zona had a great sense of humor by joking/teasing with all and most of all, Zona Mae was Mom and Daddy's Baby Girl.

Zona worked at the Lode Star Casino, CCST Child Care and Food Distribution for CCST.

Zona Mae is survived by her parents: Donald Sr and Madeline Big Eagle. Her 6 Children: Crystal Lynn, Demitrius Don, Allianna, Zayleigh, Qayleigh and Cassius. Her older brothers: Donald Jr., Benjamin (Benji) Big Eagle and Anthony Touche. Sisters: Mildred Jennesse, MaKayla Rabbit & Mary Jennesse. Cousins: Wamdi Jennesse, Darrius Jennesse. Aunts: Sharon Jennesse, Mona Big Eagle, Arlis Big Eagle, Durine Chase, Janette Marks, LeeAnn Piskule, Ramona Jennesse, Janice Jennesse, Marsha Grey Cloud & Delta Gonzales. Uncles: Jason Jennesse, Stanley Jennesse, Verlin Jennesse, Dennis Harford, Keith Nelson, Donavon Charging Hawk, Ruckman Neilson & Lorenzo Jennesse. Her favorite nanny: Dean Sargent.

Zona was preceded in death by her brother Martin Big Eagle, Maternal grandparents: Mildred (Grey Cloud) Jennesse & Lloyd "Hebo" Jennesse. Paternal Grandparents: Mary Agnes St. John & Henry Big Eagle. Uncles: Elton "Wade" Jennesse, Randolph Big Eagle, David Big Eagle.