

In Loving Memory of
Connie Rae “Deets” LaRoche

August 28, 1968 ~ April 3, 2023

Wake Services

Lower Brule Community Center

Lower Brule, SD

7:00 p.m., Tuesday, April 11, 2023

7:00 p.m., Wednesday, April 12, 2023

Funeral Service

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1:00 p.m. Thursday, April 13, 2023

Don't Cry For Me

Don't cry for me. I will be okay.

Heaven is my home now,

and this is where I'll stay.

Don't cry for me, I'm where I belong.

I want you to be happy and try to stay strong.

Don't cry for me. It was just my time,

But I will see you someday on the other side.

Don't cry for me, I am not alone.

The angels are with me to welcome me home.

Don't cry for me, for I have no fear.

All my pain is gone, and Jesus took my tears.

Don't cry for me. This is not the end.

I'll be waiting here for you when we meet again.

Officiating

Father Jean Claude SCJ

Father Christianus Hendrik SCJ

Casketbearers

Anita Pretty Sounding Flute

Dulcy Eagle Star

Melissa LaRoche

Danielle LaRoche

Margaret Eagle Star

Nancy Eagle Star

Judy LaRoche

Cindy LaRoche

Honorary Pallbearers

Kristi Keeble

April Flute†

George Flute

Jarvis Skunk

Katrina Grassrope

Millian Eagle Star

Amanda Flute

Lisa Grassrope

Beverly Wilson

Bates Hood Jr.

“Curly” Eagle Hawk

Obede LeCompte

Janessa Driving Hawk

Alan Thompson Jr.

Lynette LaRoche

Clyde and Candida Estes

Tony Goodlow

Gabrielle LaRoche

Gladys Flute

Shary Fire Cloud

Lila Bad Horse

Hope Thompson

Mario Bortolussi

Natasha Eagle Star

Benny Janis

Charlotte Flute

Cherilyn “Sis” Hawk

Janelle Medicine Eagle

Ralph & Dorcas Bingen

Bates Hood Sr.

Shane Fallis†

Jan

Donna Ortiz

Kamela Wilson

Darlene Hood†

Francis Brandes

Rob Traversie

Kalvin Johnson

Tamara Flute

Jewel Jandreau

Rosetta LaRoche

Angela Eagle Hawk

Leonard Edwards

Ramona Grassrope

Cameron LaRoche

Richard LaRoche

Alan Thompson Sr.

Craig Goodlow

Lower Brule Ambulance

And All her friends and family who she loved

Carrie Flute

Barbara Bad Horse

Beverly Skunk†

Leland Skunk

Fiora Crane

Charles Flute

Barbara Crow

Derek Skunk†

Geno Skunk

Winona Byington

Nicole Eagle Hawk

Earl LaRoche Jr.

Esther Flute

Monica Quilt

Crystal Johnson

Cedric Thompson

Esther Andrews

Angelica Edwards

Ron Flute Jr.

Jody Traversie

Leighton LaRoche Jr

Herby Goodlow

Judy Gering

Lower Brule EMT's

Interment

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

Connie “Deets” Rae LaRoche was born August 28, 1968 to Erwin “Doe Doe” LaRoche and Roselind Quilt. Connie attended St. Joseph’s Indian School during her early elementary years. Connie then went to Pierre Indian Learning Center where she graduated eighth grade. She attended Lower Brule High School during her freshman year. At the age of 16, she went to Box Elder Job Corps in Nemo, SD and then to Trapper Creek Job Corps in Missoula, MT where she met Rick Franceschi, Sr. After Trapper Creek Job Corps, she moved to Colorado Springs, CO with Rick. They had three children: Nelson Ricky Franceschi, LaVincia LaRoche and Olivia LaRoche.

In 1992, she met John Costello. They were united in marriage in 1993 and to this union two children were born, Cheryl Costello and Julian Costello. She also gained three stepchildren Johnna, Johnny Ray and Josiah Costello.

Connie loved to visit, laugh and joke around with her sisters and brothers. She loved being Auntie Deets and a grandmother. She always made sure that any time spent with her nieces, nephews, or grandchildren were extra special.

Connie met Floyd Flute Jr. in 2012. They became good friends and remained friends until she passed away. In 2020, Connie met her special friend, Johnny Lopez.

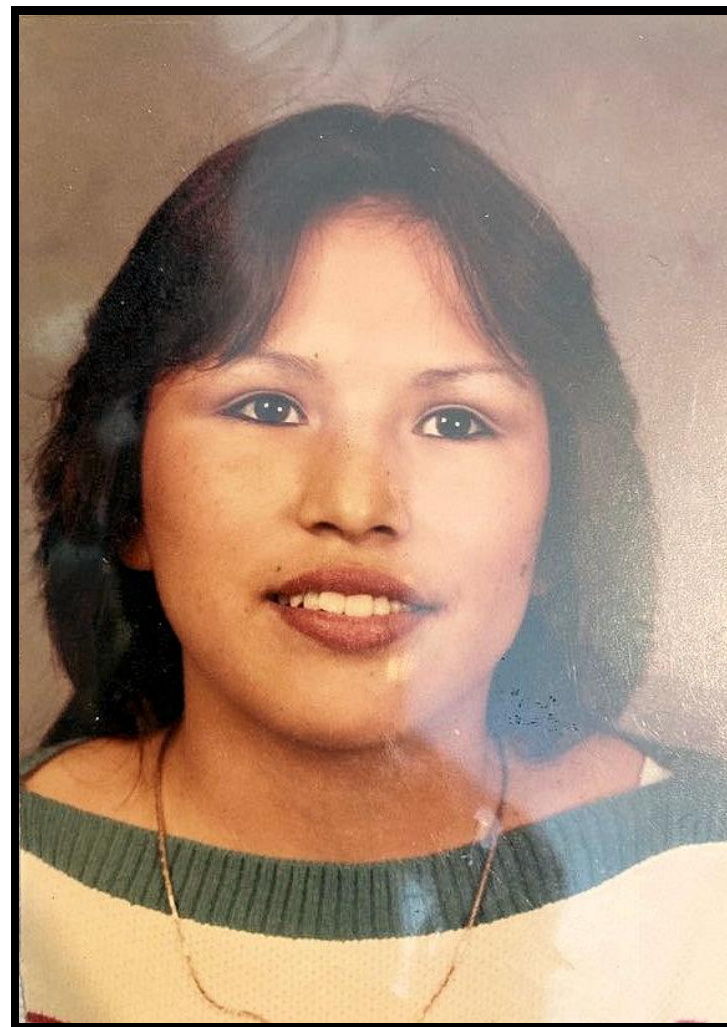
Connie lived with her sisters in Lower Brule at the time of her passing.

Connie passed away on April 3, 2023 at Sanford Medical Center in Chamberlain, SD at the age of 54 years.

She is survived by her children Ricky Franceschi and LaVincia LaRoche both of Colorado Springs, CO, Olivia LaRoche of Fargo, ND, Cheryl Costello and Julian Costello both of Colorado Springs, CO; grandchildren: Angelena, Nelson III, Raelicia, Maliek, Jesslyn, Buddy, Theron, Raelynn, Tobias, Kinsley, Zylah, and Zac; her parents Erwin “DoeDoe” LaRoche and Rose Eagle Star; brothers Earl LaRoche, Darrell LaRoche, Jarrid LaRoche, Jasper Eagle Star, Basil Eagle Star, Troy LaRoche and Dillion LaRoche all of Lower Brule, SD; her sisters Anita(Dave) Pretty Sounding Flute, Nancy Eagle Star, Dulcy Eagle Star, Danielle LaRoche, Judy LaRoche, and Margaret “babygirl” Eagle Star, and Melissa LaRoche all of Lower Brule, SD.

Preceding her in death were her paternal grandparents Alex LaRoche, Mabel and Ben Driving Hawk, maternal grandparents Felix Quilt and Sybil Long Turkey; stepfather Jasper Eagle Star; sisters Dori LaRoche and Deidra Bad Horse; brothers Leighton LaRoche and Curtis McGhee; special niece Mariah Edwards; and nephews Wil Edwards.

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