

Irene Pearl (Chapman) Poor Thunder was born on December 7, 1946, in Ft. Yates, ND, to Ernest Chapman and Bessie Agatha Kidder. She grew up in Ft. Yates, ND, and later in life she moved to Poplar, MT, where she met Lary Hamilton Sr. in this union she had Bernita Chapman (Don Granbois). She then moved back to Standing Rock where she met William Joseph Jordan and in this union she had Gene Daniels Sr., Michelle Daniels (Ridley). Later on she met Charles Brown and in this union had Charley Chapman and later met Melvin White Shield and Mildred White Shield, then met Glen Yellow and had Ernestine Yellow and finally married Douglas Archambault Sr. and had two kids, Williamette Archambault and Patrick Archambault. They got divorced and she married Everette Poor Thunder Sr. and in this union adopted Everette Poor Thunder Jr.

Irene went to various schools in Ft. Yates and Pierre. She later went to college for nursing. Irene worked various jobs including IHS Clinic as a nurses aid, PKC in housekeeping, (where she would walk even through a blizzard with her blanket). One job she loved talking about was working in the field with her dad.

She was the oldest out of her siblings and being young they all had to work. She loved going to pow wows to watch her grandkids dance (Ivy, Wynter and Eshnala, Isabella and Brooklynn). She enjoyed being around her grandkids/great grandkids and loved cook outs and going to the Bay.

Irene is survived by her kids, Bernita Ann (Don) Chapman (Granbois), Michelle Ridley, Gene Daniels Sr., Charley Chapman, Mildred Daniels, Ernestine Yellow, Williamette Archambault, Patrick Archambault, Everette Poor Thunder Jr., stepsons, Kirk (Corkey) Flying Horse Sr., Bisco Starr, Greg and Tammy (T-Spoon) and all her grandkids and great grandkids (Whom she loved dearly).

Irene is preceded in death by her parents, Ernest Chapman and Bessie Agatha Kidder, siblings, Violet (Grey Hawk) Kidder, Bun Chapman, Verna (Reeds) Chapman, and Janice (Hamilton) Chapman.

In Loving Memory Of



Irene Poor Thunder



SUNRISE
1946

SUNSET
2026

Mother & Grandmother

*A million times we thought of you,
A million times we cried,
If love alone could have saved you,
You never would have died.*

*In life we loved you dearly,
In death we love you still.
In our hearts you hold a place
No one could ever fill.*

*It broke our hearts to lose you.
But you didn't go alone.
For part of us went with you
The day God took you home.*

IRENE'S GRANDCHILDREN & GREAT GRANDCHILDREN

Kiawna Daniels, Corey, Jaylina & Pearl (who was named after grandma Irene), Jolie Ann Eagle, Carson, Cason & Cashton Brown Otter, John (Unga) Eagle, Scooter Riley Eagle, Wynter Rayne Eagle, Ivy Archambault, E'shnala Waste Win Eagle, Paige Granbois, Tory Swanson, Isabella Spotted Horse, Charley Little Eagle, Brooklyn & Scarlett Little Eagle, Mya See Walker, Makheya & Octavia, Gene Daniels Jr., Nateaia Daniels, Christopher Daniels, Jared Failing, Mickey & Grayson Failing, Justin Gray Hawk Jr., JC Gray Hawk, Devin Magnum, Bam Bam, Lane, Mia & Mandi Magnum, Paul Magnum, Tonya Denni, Larson Fast Horse, Lillian, Laya & Lainey Fast Horse, I'm sorry if I forgot any grandkids & great grandkids as there is so many to be named.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Irene Pearl Poor Thunder

79 years ~ 7 months ~ 3 days

BORN
December 7, 1946
Ft, Yates, ND

PASSED AWAY
July 10, 2026
McLaughlin, SD

FUNERAL SERVICE
11:00 am, Tuesday, July 28, 2026
McLaughlin Blue Gym
McLaughlin, South Dakota

CLERGY
Doug Wilkinson

SOLOIST
Frank Jamerson

CASKETBEARERS
Everette Poor Thunder Jr. ~ John Eagle Jr. ~ Scooter Eagle
Charles Taken Alive ~ Jared Failing ~ Larson Fast Horse Jr.

HONORARY CASKETBEARERS
Rock Creek post 324, her favorite son-in-law Don Granbolo, Clint Walker & Family, Shirley White Buffalo & Family, Denise Kidder(McKay), John See Walker, Borgort See Walker, Brenda Red Horn, Brandon (B.J.) Eagle Shield, Wayne Jones & Family, Nancy Jones & Family (Dayton, Ohio), Baby Gene, Christopher, Jason, Justin, Tate and Melda Gray Hawk, Brad Gray Hawk, Frank Jamerson & Family, Best friend Juicy. We apologize if we left anyone out, it wasn't intentional. Irene had too many family & friends to be named.

INTERMENT
Bear Soldier Cemetery
McLaughlin, South Dakota

Arrangements Entrusted to Kesling Funeral Home, Mobridge, South Dakota.