



### ***I'm Free***

*Don't grieve for me, for now, I'm free,  
I'm following the path God laid for me.  
I took his hand when I heard him call,  
I turned my back and left it all.*

*I could not stay another day  
to laugh, to love, to work or play.  
I've found that peace at the close of day.*

*If my parting has left a void,  
then fill it with remembered joy.  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,  
Ah, yes, these things I too will miss.*

*Be not burdened with times of sorrow  
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.  
My life's been full, I savored much,  
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.*

*Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.  
Lift up your heart and share with me,  
God wanted me now; He set me free.*

*In Loving Memory of*

# **Bonita Mary Coleman**

*May 11, 1938 ~ December 27, 2020*

### **Visitation**

*Hickey Funeral Chapel  
Chamberlain, SD  
Wednesday, December 30, 2020  
5:00 - 7:00 p.m.*

### **Funeral Service**

*Lakeview Cemetery  
Fort Thompson, SD  
Thursday, December 31, 2020  
2:00 p.m.*

### **Officiating**

*Wilfred Keeble  
Father Mark Mastin, SCJ  
Deacon Steve McLaughlin*

*Rich Coleman  
Father Christianus Hendrik, SCJ  
Sister Charles Palm*

### **Casketbearers**

*Josh Coleman  
Joseph Thompson  
Terry Abernathy  
John Patrick Coleman*

*Bill Hopkins  
Mike Coleman Jr.  
Jordan Thompson  
Kyle Thompson*

### **Honorary Bearers**

*Patsy Buechler  
Velma Fleury  
Sally Allen  
Marquette Witt  
Joyce Cooke  
John (Misty) Beheler  
Sanford Care Center*

*Butch Hopkins  
Lisa Lengkeek  
Bob Pickner  
Joyce Coleman  
Mamie Menzie  
Alsephine Joseph*

*Dottie Arpan  
James Cadwell Sr.  
Myron Hopkins  
Shirley Menzie  
Katie Beheler-Henning  
Leonard Harris*

*Prairie View Healthcare Center*

*And many friends and relatives too numerous to mention*

### **Interment**

*Lakeview Cemetery  
Fort Thompson, SD*

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



Bonita Mary (Hopkins) Coleman was born May 11, 1938 in Old Fort Thompson to Peter and Francis (Fogg) Hopkins.

Bonita grew up in Ft. Thompson and attended school at Pine Ridge, Ft. Thompson, and Immaculate Conception, Stephan, South Dakota. On August 29, 1958, Bonita was united in marriage to John Coleman and to this union they had a blended family of nine children: David, Dan, Ronald, Richard, Michael, Tracy, Perry, Rebecca, and Mary Ellen.

During the marriage, Bonita and John

lived in various locations including Tacoma, WA; San Bernardino, CA; Tucson, AZ; Albuquerque, NM; Marty, SD and Flandreau, SD.

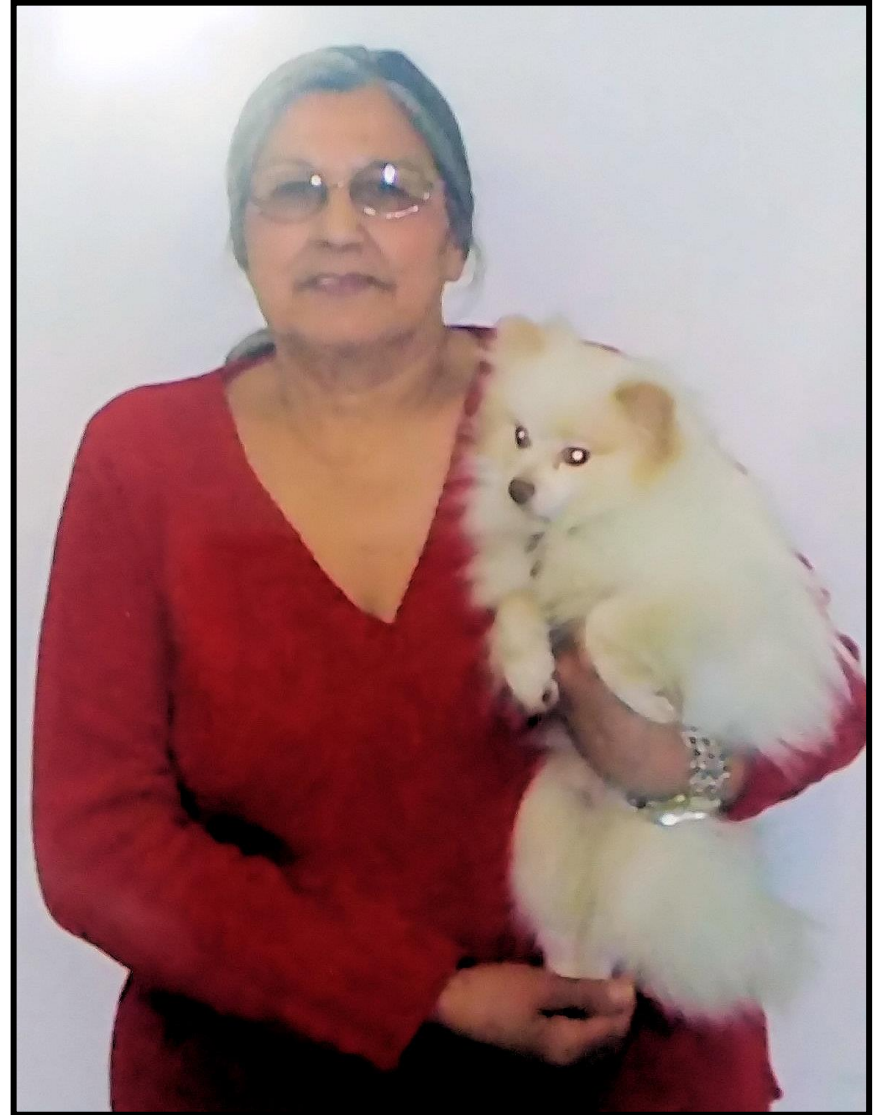
Bonita attended Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute, Albuquerque, New Mexico for culinary arts and graduated on the president's list. Bonita worked in Food Service the majority of her life and worked for Crow Creek High School, Flandreau Senior Center, Flandreau Indian School and Marty Indian School and finished her career with BIA Law Enforcement in Lower Brule.

Bonita's hobbies included traveling, flowers, gardening, word finds, visiting her many friends and relatives, and tending to all her grandkids. Bonita was a mother to many. She was a wonderful cook and always had a meal and pot of coffee waiting for anyone who stopped in to visit. Bonita was affectionately called One Leg In A Bloomer due to her love of traveling.

Bonita is survived by her seven children and two step sons: David Coleman, Dan Coleman, Ronald Hopkins, Richard (Martha) Coleman Sr., Michael (Patty) Coleman Sr., Perry Coleman, Tracy (Scott) Shields, Rebecca (Rich) Miller, and Mary Ellen (Gilbert) Pease, 38 grandchildren, and numerous great grandchildren and great great grandchildren, brother: John Hopkins of Rapid City, sisters: Sandy (John) Abernathy of Fort Thompson, Marlene Gun Shows of Alexandria, Virginia and sister-in-law Genice Grimes of Long Beach, California.

Preceding in her death are parents: Peter and Francis Hopkins, husband: John Coleman, brothers: William, Floyd, and Bennie, and granddaughter: Robin Elaine Coleman.

## In Loving Memory of



**Bonita Mary Coleman**

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