I would rather be ashes than dust!
I would rather that my spark should burn out
In a brilliant blaze
Than it should be stifled by dry-rot.

I would rather be a superb meteor,
Every atom of me in magnificent glow,
Than a sleepy and permanent planet.

The function of man is to live, not to exist.
I shall not waste my days
Trying to prolong them.
I shall use my time.

Author Jack London

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FUNERAL CHAPEL

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In Loving Memory of

Mercedes Mary Jewett

January 23, 1961
Ft. Worth, Texas

August 4, 2010
Dillingham, Alaska

ROSARY SERVICE
7:00 p.m., Wednesday, August 18, 2010
All Saint's Catholic Church
Eagle Butte, South Dakota

FUNERAL SERVICE
10:00 a.m., Thursday, August 19, 2010
All Saint's Catholic Church
Eagle Butte, South Dakota

OFFICIATING
Fr. Matthew Fallgren

CASKETBEARERS
Willie Circle Eagle, Tom Claymore, Jess Ducheneaux,
Mike Ducheneaux, Albert Jewett, Lou Mendoza,
Rob Mendoza and Jeff Ward

HONORARY CASKETBEARERS
Louis Jewett, John Claymore, Smokey Claymore,
Beth Ducheneaux and Diane Garreau

USHERS
Merrill Mitchell and Cody Jewett

MUSICIANS
All of Mercedes' Cousins

INTERMENT:
Mossman Cemetery
Ridgeview, South Dakota

Mercedes Mary Jewett *is the second child of Orlin George and Kay Catherine Jewett who preceded her in death. She spent her early childhood in Streetsboro, Ohio and graduated from Cheyenne-Eagle Butte High School in 1979. She earned her Associate Degree in Social Work from Haskell Indian Junior College. Her Bachelors Degree in Social Work was completed at the University of Kansas. Mercedes completed her education with a Masters Degree in Social Work from the University of Alaska-Anchorage.*

Her career was spent working with at risk Indian children and adults in recovery. She had an undying commitment to help improve the lives of Indian people. She understood that people are sometimes affected by things they can't control and found fulfillment in helping them regain control. At the time of her death in Dillingham, Alaska she was the program director for the Substance Abuse Program at the Bristol Bay Area Health Corporation. She was highly regarded for her dedication, her sense of humor and the passion she had for helping people.

Above all Mercedes valued and enjoyed her family. Her happiest times were spent in the company of her family and friends. This is why holidays were her favorite times. She never missed a birthday and took special pleasure in celebrating the Christmas Season. She was truly a cherished light in the lives of those who love her.

Mercedes is survived by her brothers Clayton and Shannon, her sister Lorraine and many aunts, uncles and cousins.

In Loving Memory

Mercedes Jewett

1961 ~ 2010