

If Tomorrow Starts Without Me

If tomorrow starts without me, and I'm not there to see
If the sun should rise and find your eyes all filled with tears for me
I wish so much you wouldn't cry the way you did today
While thinking of the many things we didn't get to say.

I know how much you love me, as much as I love you,
And each time that you think of me, I know you'll miss me, too.
But when tomorrow starts without me, please try to understand
That an angel came and called my name and took me by the hand
And said my place was ready, in Heaven far above
And that I'd have to leave behind all those I dearly love.



But as I turned to walk away a tear fell from my eye,
For all my life, I'd always thought I didn't want to die.
I had so much to live for, so much left yet to do,
It seemed almost impossible that I was leaving you.
I thought of all the yesterdays, the good ones and the bad,
I thought of all that we had shared, and all the fun we had.

If I could relive yesterday, just even for a while,
I'd say good-bye and kiss you and maybe
see you smile.

But then I fully realized, that this could never be,
For emptiness and memories, would take the place of me.
And when I thought of worldly things I might miss come tomorrow,
I thought of you, and when I did,
My heart was filled with sorrow.
But when I walked through Heaven's gates,
I felt so much at home.

When God looked down and smiled at me,
From His great golden throne,
He said, "This is eternity, and all I've promised you."
Today your life on earth is past, but here life starts anew.
I promise no tomorrow, but today will always last,
And since each day is the same way, there's no longing for the past.



You have been so faithful, so trusting and so true. Though there were times
You did some things, you knew you shouldn't do. But you have been
Forgiven, and now at last you're free. So won't you come and take my hand,
And share my life with me so when tomorrow starts without me,
Don't think we're far apart, for every time you think of me, I'm right here in your heart.

Arrangements entrusted to Luce Funeral Chapel, Eagle Butte, SD
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In Loving Memory Of Amanda D. Sand

September 1, 1957
Old Cheyenne Agency, SD

May 25, 2010
Eagle Butte, SD

FUNERAL SERVICES:

10:00 a.m., Saturday, May 29, 2010
St. John's Episcopal Church
Eagle Butte, South Dakota

CLERGY:

Fr. Les Campbell
Sister Addie Morris
Valerie Curly

CASKETBEARERS:

Ron Pearman	Jack Claymore	Bill Keoke
Wade Ducheneaux	Rex Fielder	Troy Clausen
Chip O'Neil	Nathan Benoist	Roland "Sudsy" Fielder
	Mike Rousseau	

HONORARY CASKETBEARERS:

Patty & Bill Keoke, Ron & Nita Pearman, Marlene Ducheneaux,
Evvie Clausen Dupris, Carol & Tom Knight, Mabel Granados,
Carla Brown Trujilla, Angie Schaad Trujilla, Rita & Jack
Claymore,
Mary & Jack Madowski, Jim Davidson, Big Sue Eberhardt,
Duane Varney, Cynthia Cook, Rhonda Eagle Chasing, Nancy
West, Denise Lightning Fire, Georgie Gunnville, Dr. Singleton,
Class of 1976, Ladies Auxiliary, Dialysis Staff & Patients and
All of Amanda's Cousins

MUSICIANS:

Screaming Eagle Drum Group and All Musicians Welcome

INTERMENT:

On The Tree Cemetery ~ On The Tree, South Dakota

TRADITIONAL SERVICES:

Terry Flying By

Amanda Diane Blue Coat Sand was born September 1, 1957 to Robert Archie and Irene (Hawk Eagle) Blue Coat. She was the third born child of eight. Mandi was born at Old Cheyenne Hospital and was brought home to Green Grass, SD and lived there until they moved to Eagle Butte. In 1976 they then moved to On The Tree along the Moreau River. She graduated from Cheyenne Eagle Butte High School in May of 1976.

As a young woman growing up in Eagle Butte she started working alongside her dad, Archie, at Buzz's Standard, washing windows and pumping gas. She was able to start an allowance by becoming a janitor for the station. Mandi worked there until Uncle Buzz turned the shop over to Larry Lesmeister. From 1977 to 1979 she worked for the CRST HJP program, from 1979 to 1980 for CRST Property and Supply and CRST WJC program. She also worked at the Legion Club, Cheyenne Lounge, Min Mart and Golden Rule where she made many friends and relatives.

Mandi was raised attending the St. Thomas Episcopal Church in On The Tree. At a young age she learned to sing with the best of them; Uncles Bert and Tim and Lala Sullivan to name a few.

Mandi met the love of her life Paul Sand and married him on November 19, 1992 at the Hughes County Courthouse in Pierre, SD. She loved all of her nieces, nephews and grandchildren as her own. She loved playing mom when she felt she needed to. She also supported them in all their sport activities. She never forgot anyone's birthday or any special occasion. She always made sure to bake them a cake and host a party.

In 2002 she started having health problems and eventually had to have heart surgery. During this experience she made the decision to commit her life to the Lord. She asked Sister Addie to have bible study and was a hospitable host, always making a delicious supper. Mandi always supported people with prayers and was concerned about all her relatives and prayed for them. She made her peace with God and always wanted her family to have the peace she felt.

Mandi spent time volunteering as a soup kitchen helper, a member of the Daughters of the King, American Legion Auxiliary Post 191 and St. Thomas Episcopal Church at On The Tree.

Mandi's life will be cherished by her husband: Paul of Eagle Butte; Hunka Mother: Marge Blue Coat; brothers: Lanny LaPlante Sr, Orville (Barbara) LaPlante, Ira (Jennifer) Blue Coat all of Eagle Butte, Phillip "Junior" Blue Coat of White Horse and Richard Red Elk of Eagle Butte; sisters: Fay Rousseau of White Horse, Carrie (Melvin) Young Bear, Carla Blue Coat, Ina (Pierre) Traversie all of Eagle Butte and Reba (Thomas Sr.) Three Legs of On The Tree; uncles: Joe Milo and Norman (Regina) Blue Coat; aunts: Carol Ann Thompson, Rose Bad Hand, and Cora Mae Marshall; nieces and nephews: Elliot, Ryan, Wyatt (Monica), Ashley, and Victoria Blue Coat, Jarred (Carla Joe) Blue Coat, Kirby (Robby) Woods, Gary "Beaver" Mound, Kelsey and Martin Montreal, Jimmi Guerrero, Neil Blue Coat, Frank Blue Coat, Thomas Three Legs Jr., Peyton, Chauncey, Bennett, Ashley, Amber and Severt Red Elk, Donnie, Rhonda and Stuart Swan, Lisa, JR, Larry and Debbie Rousseau, Elaine Little Bear, Danny, Kelly, Doug, Lanny Jr LaPlante and Sherrie Red Elk, Emma, Abby and Jacob LaPlante.

She was proud to be a descendant of Lala Crazy Horse.

Joining her in heaven are her parents; maternal and paternal grandparents; uncles and aunts; sister Happi Blue Coat; sister-in-law, Barbara Blue Coat; daughter-in-law, Cheri Agneau and nephews: Sheldon Hawk Eagle, Josh "Moon" Guerrero and Warren Swan.



In Loving Memory
Amanda D. Sand
1957 ~ 2010