

## ***Don't Be Sad***

*Don't be sad and lonely,  
Because I've gone away.  
Think about me only,  
When it's a brighter day.  
Don't waste your time crying,  
Since I'm no longer here.  
You have spent enough time,  
Showing me that you care.  
Wipe away your sadness,  
For tears won't bring relief.  
Cherish the memories,  
Forget about your grief.  
If I could be with you,  
That is where I would be,  
But I have no power,  
To change life's destiny.  
So try to be happy,  
Don't mourn your life away,  
For we'll be together,  
At the end of life's day.*

## ***The Serenity Prayer***

*God , Grant me  
The serenity to  
Accept the things  
I cannot change,  
Change the things I can,  
And the wisdom  
To know the difference.*



Eagle Butte, South Dakota  
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*In Loving Memory Of*

# ***Darlene LaVina LaBlanc***

***Waci Tanka Win ~ "Walks With A Broad Mind"***

*May 25, 1936*  
*Cheyenne Agency, South Dakota*

*October 11, 2012*  
*Rapid City, South Dakota*

***WAKE SERVICE:*** 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, October 17, 2012  
*HVJ Cultural Center ~ Eagle Butte, South Dakota*

***FUNERAL SERVICE:*** 10:00 a.m., Thursday, October 18, 2012  
*HVJ Cultural Center ~ Eagle Butte, South Dakota*

***OFFICIATING:*** *Rev. Norman Blue Coat and Leroy Bobtail Bear*

***TRADITIONAL SERVICE:*** *Wylie Miller*

***CASKETBEARERS:*** *Randall Bear Eagle, Albert Holy Bear, Earl Grindstone, Jr.,  
Tony Holy Bear, Robert Grindstone, Jeff Uses Many, Tyson Bear Eagle,  
Kyle Wolfe, Justin Miller, Miles Miller*

***HONORARY CASKETBEARERS:*** *Ted & Marcy Miner, Chuck & Shirley Dog Eagle, Dani  
Deane, Cordelia Benoist, Delephine Red Fox, Carol Traversie, Bob & Marie Berndt, Randy & Barb  
Berndt, Cindy Bradly, Ted Jerry, Angeline Taylor, Cindy Peterson, Kathy Treetop & Family, Beverly  
Clown, Colleen Thompson, Tara & Lanny LaPlante, Nancy West & Family, George Whirlwind Soldier,  
Rodrick Isrialala (Good Bear), Ron & Anita Pearman, Donna Peterson, Bernadine & Will LeClaire, Freda  
Condon, Carol Robinson, Marrion Hovard, Coleen Brown Wolf, David West, Sr. & Family, Cece  
Baumeister & Family, Carol Traversie, Marie Whirlwind Soldier, Ina Flying By, Haven Colombe &  
Family, Virgil & Dawn Standing Crow Family, Gene & Kathy Morrison Family, Sonny Dupris, Howard  
Wilkenson, Emiel & Pamela Little Cole & Family, Thomasine Begay, Lindsey Bad Bear, Robert Rattling  
Chase, Mike He Crow, Miles White Cloud, Thomas Bennett, Donroy & Chiyos Makes Room For Them  
Family, Amy & Chris Thompson, Justin & Jr. Bear Eagle, Aloyous Thompson, Alfred & Anita  
Thompson, Donita Buckley & Family, Stephanie Buckley & Family, Williamette Miner & Family,  
Sophie, Lynn Cadotte, Delano Oakie, Corrine High Elk, Juanita Zephier, E.J. Gunville, Rolland  
Collins Family, Bernard & Margo Collins Family, Fedelia Thunder & Family, Al Nigard, Blue Coat  
Tiospaye, Red Dog Tiospaye, Rosemary Bear Eagle & Family, Eagle Staff Tiospaye, Circle Eagle Tiospaye,  
Ann Thompson Tiospaye, Margie Clown Tiospaye, Rose Hawk Eagle Tiospaye, Shawn & Sharon Boehrs,  
Paul Sand, Melissa LeBeau & Family, Jessica LeBeau & Family, Dr. Margaret Upell & Staff,  
Dr. Raymond, Black Hills Dialysis Staff & Pts. We hope not to offend anyone if we've forgotten someone.  
There are so many people that Darlene cared about.*

***MUSICIANS:*** *Family Drum Group and All Musicians are Welcome*

***INTERMENT:*** *On The Tree Cemetery ~ On The Tree, South Dakota*

***Darlene LaVina LaBlanc*** entered the world on May 25, 1936 at the Old Agency Hospital. She was the daughter of Edward LaBlanc and Juanita (Useful Heart) LaBlanc. She attended boarding school and then helped her two grandfathers while they were up in age. She helped raise two nephews: Tony and Albert Holy Bear and then had two boys of her own, Joe and Brian Tiona.

Darlene married Matthew Bear Eagle and to this union they were blessed with Lena, Cylinda, Robert, and Matthew Jr. She was a good provider to the family receiving her GED and working various jobs cleaning homes, baking and taking care of the elderly and sick. She then worked at the elderly manor, meeting and bringing home many elderly at Thanksgiving and Christmas. Following this she worked with State and BIA Social Services, next bringing home kids that needed a family.

Darlene was baptized into the Episcopal Church at On The Tree and had a very strong belief in her spirituality with the Lakota way of life. She spent time going to sweats, ceremonies and also participating in the sun dances, meeting people from all over and becoming mom, grandma and auntie to many. She would welcome anyone into her home that needed a good ear and a hug.

A year ago Darlene was put on dialysis and was hoping to get a kidney soon from Tony. While testing for this kidney transplant they found she had colon cancer, which she then had surgery to remove the tumor and continued on with chemo to make sure all the cancer was removed. Throughout this ordeal she was very strong, taking her sickness as a learning experience. Despite all her health challenges, she remained positive and continued to make her own decisions.

Darlene called her family daily and they will all miss hearing her voice. She will be missed dearly by her oldest daughter and son in law, Lena and Terry and their grandchildren and great grandchildren; also Cylinda, and her granddaughter and great granddaughter.

Darlene is survived by her children: Lena (Terry) Flying By of Eagle Butte and Cylinda Bear Eagle of Eagle Butte; daughter-in-law: Rosemary Bear Eagle of Bismarck, ND; grandchildren: Randall, Earl (Mona) Jr., Robert (Dawn), Nellie (Mike), Joseph, Tyson, Echo, Wylie, Tyler and Nevaeh; great grandchildren: Kaden, Ashlee, Sadie, Trishdyn, Isis, Jillian, Jaelyn, Savannah, Sonique, Sebricene, Angel, Dakotah, Brian and Lydia; sisters: Emmaline Rock, Lillian Brown, Threasa LaBlanc and Charlotte LaBlanc; brothers: Oliver LaBlanc and Melvin LaBlanc and many other Hunka Brothers, Roderick Isna; her godchildren: Gerald "Sonny" Dupris, Michelle Dupris and Leslie White Dog; and many Hunka Family members: sons: Avery Thompson, Robert Rattling Chase, Howard Wilkinson, Amiel Little Light, and Lindsay Bad Bear; daughters: Shirley Dog Eagle, Thomasin Begay, Colleen Thompson, Tara LaPlante and Skip Picotte and many grandchildren, great grandchildren. She loved you all!

Preceding her in death were her parents; numerous brothers and sisters; sons: Joseph Tiona, Brian Dale Tiona, Robert and Matthew Bear Eagle, Jr.; and companion, Matthew Bear Eagle, Sr.



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