

The Family Chain

*If love could have saved you -
You would not have died.*

*If tears could bring you back
You'd be by our side.*

*It broke our hearts to lose you,
But you did not go alone;
For part of us went with you
The day God called you home.*

*God takes us one by one
And breaks the family chain.
But somewhere in a better land
Our chain will link again.*



Eagle Butte, South Dakota
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In Loving Memory of
Louella Marie Brave Heart

August 3, 1941
Old Cheyenne Agency, South Dakota

June 16, 2016
Rapid City, South Dakota

WAKE SERVICE:

7:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 21, 2016
St. John's Episcopal Church ~ Eagle Butte, South Dakota

FUNERAL SERVICE:

11:00 a.m., Wednesday, June 22, 2016
St. John's Episcopal Church ~ Eagle Butte, South Dakota

OFFICIATING:

Mother Margaret Watson

CASKETBEARERS:

*Erik Betone, Wilford Skinner III, Zachary Slides Off,
Myron Slides Off, Corey DeHorse, Wade Bad Warrior,
Taten Jamisen, Samuel Prairie Chicken,
Trenton Casellas-Bakeberg, Lee Michael Bruguier*

HONORARY CASKETBEARERS:

*Prairie Hills Golden Living Center Staff and Residents
Eagle Butte Manor Staff and Residents
All of Louella's Family and Friends*

DRUM GROUP:

All Drum Groups Are Welcome

SINGERS:

*Winona Washburn
All Other Singers Are Welcome*

INTERMENT:

St. Peter's Episcopal Cemetery ~ Thunder Butte, South Dakota

Louella Brave Heart, 74, of Rapid City, formerly of Eagle Butte, passed away Thursday, June 16, 2016 at Rapid City Hospice House.

Louella Marie (Slides Off) Brave Heart was born August 3, 1941, to Owen and Elsie (Clown) Slides Off at the Old Cheyenne Agency. Marie lived in Thunder Butte community for most of her life. She attended school at the Thunder Butte Day School, the Old Agency Boarding School, and St. Mary's Episcopal Church School.

Louella got her GED and went on to work in Denver, CO as a childcare provider. She moved back to Thunder Butte and worked for the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe. She had two daughters, Sherlynn Lee Herrera and Murphy Dionne Herrera. In 1973 she moved to San Diego, CA; where she earned her degree and became a legal secretary. After a year and a half she moved back home, and then she took a job in Denver, CO as a bookkeeper. Louella and her daughters moved back in 1976, and she worked for the Tribe's cattle rehab program. She retired in 1980.

She married Christopher Brave Heart, Sr. in March of 1989. They lived in Thunder Butte, SD for many years, and then they moved to the Eagle Butte Manor. During their time in Thunder Butte, Marie helped care for her grandchildren. She also loved to play bingo and listen to gospel and country music. As a young girl, she had played the organ. She always attended all of her grandchildren's school and extracurricular activities. She liked to travel, cut diamonds for star quilts, attend powwow's, visit with friends and family, and she loved to garden with her husband, Chris, in Thunder Butte. Louella has recently resided in Prairie Hills Golden Living Center where she made many friends with the patients and staff.

Louella is survived by her loving husband, Christopher Brave Heart, Sr.; daughters, Sherlynn and Murphy Herrera; stepson, Larry Brave Heart; grandchildren: Erika (Sam) Prairie Chicken, Misty DeHorse, Corey DeHorse, Jacie DeHorse, Tahnee Herrera, Brandee Herrera (Wade Bad Warrior), Taliyah Jamisen and Taten Jamisen; 12 great grandchildren; two sisters, Adrienne Bruguier and Ione (Paul) Betone; and one brother, Jack Slides Off.

She is preceded in death by her mother and father, Owen and Elsie Slides Off; brothers: Sidney, Donald, Herman, and Milford Slides Off; sisters, Delma Slides Off and Julie Skinner; and one grandson, Jake Daniel DeHorse.



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