



In Loving Memory of

Elverna Dupris

“Iputaka Win” (Kiss Woman)

July 6, 1941

March 10, 2017

Old Cheyenne Agency, SD

Eagle Butte, SD

WAKE SERVICE: 7:00 p.m., Sunday, March 19, 2017
Dupree Multipurpose Building ~ Dupree, South Dakota

FUNERAL SERVICE: 11:00 a.m., Monday, March 20, 2017
Dupree Multipurpose Building ~ Dupree, South Dakota

OFFICIATING: Sister Addie Morris and Deacon Harold Condon

CASKETBEARERS: Kenric Dupris, Jake Garter, Devon Dupris, Keenan Waloke, Chris Dupris, Ronnie Hernandez, Justin Knife, Michael Knife, Clinton "Charlie" Knife, Coy Knife, Leland Benoist, O'Ryan Dupris

HONORARY CASKETBEARERS: Russell & Cordelia Benoist, Harold & Geraldine Condon, Linda Marrowbone, Mildren Semon, Joyce Young Bird, Arlene Demery, Marcy Miner, Marilyn Runs After, Beverly Bowker, Delphine Red Fox, Delphine Marrowbone-Red Fox, Lois Chasing Hawk, Roland & Barbara Roach, Ron Eagle Chasing, Arbana Thompson, Emily Lawrence, Rhea Smith, Joy Fischer, Matt & Prairie Rose Iron Hawk, Edie Knight, Faye Longbrake, Corrine Jeffries, Alvina Iron Hawk, Myra Lee, Faith Taken Alive, Heather Handboy, Audrey Traversie, Shorty Condon, Aaron Widow, Zig Hollow Horn, Loveleah In The Woods, Bessie Moudy, Bernie In The Woods, Darla Hulm, Patricia Foote, Jim Davidson, Gary Bad Warrior, Anita Pearman, Bryson Dupris, Roderick Dupris, Delight Halfred, Eldora Black Eagle, Monique Tavi-Fiatoa, Nancy West, IHS Dietary, RS Committee Members, Dupris Families, Condon Families, In The Woods Families, Widow Family, Young Bear Family, Little Shield Family, Hollow Horn Family, Aurelia & Valerie Swan, Lightfield Family, JoLavae Gunville, and Numerous friends & family we may have forgotten

DRUM GROUP: Cherry Creek Singers

SINGERS: Warren Ducheneaux, Mary Condon & Family,
Daryl Whipple, All Other Singers Are Welcome

INTERMENT: Dupris Family Cemetery ~ Cherry Creek, South Dakota

John 14:1-3

Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe
In God, believe also in Me.

In my Father's house are many mansions;
If it were not so, I would have told you.

I go to prepare a place for you.

And if I go and prepare a place for you,
I will come again and receive you unto myself;
That where I am, there you may be also.

John 11:25-26

Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection
And the Life; he that believeth in me
Though he were dead, yet shall he live.
And whosoever liveth and believeth
In Me shall never die. Believeth thou this?



Eagle Butte, South Dakota
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Elverna Dupris was born to Rose (Condon) and Percy Dupris Sr. on July 6, 1941 at Old Cheyenne Agency. Most of her childhood years were spent with her parents living in Cherry Creek, SD until her father went to war. She moved with her mother and sister Yvonne, to Rapid City, SD for a time then upon the return of her father, she came back to Cherry Creek and her father took her to her to stay with her grandmother, Julia Dupris-Ward. Wherever Grandma Julia went you would surely see Elverna, she was a grandma's girl, spending a lot of time with her grandma. Elverna attended Carlin Day School when she was young, riding horseback to and from school. She was a shy person in school but as she got into her teenage years she grew out of it, she was fond of school and was always well liked & popular. She attended Dupree High School then on to Old Cheyenne Agency.

Elverna met and married Theodore Knife, Sr. They worked for Bob Samuelson, learning first-hand about the cattle business. They lived near Red Scaffold, SD; where they ranched. Elverna was a hard worker, she basically built up the ranch. She did everything from loans and paperwork, to rounding up, selling, and branding calves. Her son, Buddy, and his children, carry on the ranching business to this day. Elverna and Ted Sr. had five children, Theodore Jr. (Buddy), Georgette, the twins - Wendell and Randall, and Dion. After their divorce, Elverna moved to Eagle Butte, SD. She married Sam Garter and had two more children, Otis and JoBeth.

Elverna received her Food Service Certificate at United Tribes in Bismarck, ND. She worked in several capacities in her lifetime: Red Scaffold School, CHR for Red Scaffold community, former café in downtown Eagle Butte, and as a caretaker of children at the CRST Emergency Shelter Home and Sacred Heart Center. Her latest employment was with the Indian Health Service hospital, where she was a Dietary Cook. Elverna enjoyed playing bingo, beading, and sewing; although her main interest was cooking. She loved to cook and everyone loved her cooking. She was known best for her baked bread and her awesome pies. Elverna was always a friendly face at her place of work. She had a quiet, but determined and friendly, demeanor about her. She was a direct descendent of the great Chief Hump. Elverna adopted her niece, Tracy Dupris, as one of her own children and raised her grandson, Clint (Charlie) Knife, since he was a baby.

Elverna began experiencing signs of Alzheimer's disease. As it progressed, the family took care of her as long as they could, and she was eventually placed in the Mobridge Care Center. After having complications on March 10, 2017, she was brought home to the Cheyenne River Healthcare Center; where she was made comfortable. Within just a few hours, surrounded by family and friends, she made her journey to the spirit world.

Elverna is survived by her children and their families: Buddy and Dolly Jo Knife, Georgette Knife, Wendell and Joey Knife, Randall Knife, Otis Garter and JoBeth Dupris; 23 grandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren; sisters: Yvonne Dupris, Lois Garter, Elaine Martinez, and Audrey High Elk, all of Dupree, SD; brother, Richard Young of Parmelee, SD; adopted brother, Randy Kills Small of Wakpala, SD; aunt, Pearl Hollow Horn of Red Scaffold, SD; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Rose and Percy Dupris Sr.; brother, Percy Dupris Jr.; her beloved son, Dion Luther Knife; and two grandsons, Asa George Knife and Brady Paul Knife; and granddaughter, Brooklin Gunville.

Elverna will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.



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