

In Loving Memory Of

Jonnelle Rae Curley

S'ung Wic'aku "Gives Her Horse"

February 6, 1985
Pierre, South Dakota

March 29, 2017
Eagle Butte, South Dakota

WAKE SERVICE: 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, April 5, 2017
St. John's Episcopal Church ~ Eagle Butte, South Dakota

FUNERAL SERVICE: 11:00 a.m., Thursday, April 6, 2017
St. John's Episcopal Church ~ Eagle Butte, South Dakota

OFFICIATING: Mother Margaret Watson

CASKET BEARERS: Francis Addison Jr., Duane Curley,
Wakinyan Maza Harden, Jason "Bear" Cook, Chad Bad Warrior,
Andrew K. Curley, Austin Red Dog, Lyndon Agneau

HONORARY CASKET BEARERS: High Bear Family, Almeda Lawrence Family, Kelsie Delphine, Bones Claymore, Justyn Lawrence, Heather Aitkin, Michelle Benoist & Boys, Kirby Blue Coat, Leanne Red Bear, Dale Cook, Cook Family, Delphine Garreau, Feenie Red Bird, Karmen "Sunshine" Little Wounded, Lysie Four Bear, Lisa Four Bear, Marissa Benoist, Tahnee & Brandie Herrera, Brenda Smart, Raina Moran, Latiya Lee, Angel Castro, Sarah Swan, Cyarah Condon, Tracy Long Soldier, Kyanne Moran, John Moran, Germaine Jones, Arbana Cudmore, Jerris Veaux-LeBeau, Jocelyn Garter, Gary Bad Warrior Sr., Dee Anne Eagle Chasing, Tammy Granados, Rayvina Noisy Hawk, Kelsie Haskell, Michelle Traversie, Joy Howard, Bernita In The Woods, Deon Red Dog, Eric In The Woods, Denise Casillas & Boys, Lynelle Shaving, Robin LeBeau, Krista Chasing Hawk, Debbie Charging Eagle, Sara Savaedo, Jess Red Bear, Dean Charger, Lavae Red Horse, Colton "Slim" Turning Heart, Aaron & Jess Turning Heart, Gary Bad Warrior Jr., Lee Bear Eagle, Collin Provost, Jenna Bowker, Erica Skye, Lisa Skye, Tisha Moran, Donnie Dupris, Jory Long Brake, Jennie Lee Charger, Jennifer Traversie, Marilyn Miner, Nicholas Kitto, Justin Estes, Tammy Burgee, Phil Knife, Dawn LaPlante, Marsha Eagle Chasing, Max Flying By, Hunter Moran, Zena Dupris, Margo Collins, Morgan Ward, DeeAnne Ducheneaux, Mona Dupris, Racheal Valentine, Leticia White, Tina Rousseau Family, Shirley Dupris, Charles Pearman, Katherine Morgan, Kristina Long, Cheryl Dupris, Ronni Bowker, Megan Eagle Staff, Wendell Phillips, Syliva Picotte Family, Derek Bartlett, Bernie Halfred, Rocki Pearman, Delphine Marrowbone & Family, Benoist Family, Jackie Noisy Hawk, Jolen Curley & Family, Stephanie Payne & Kids, Steve & Susie Payne, Circle Eagle Family, Wakinyan Maza Tiospaye, Curley Wet Skirt Tiospaye, Rochelle "Rokie" Red Bird, Beverly & Delmar Clown, Jonni Clark & Family, Virginia Howe, Jennie Marlow, Jody Charging Eagle, Kathy Red Dog, Tiffany Buffalo, Carmen O'Neal, Debbie Rousseau, Wade Bad Warrior, Travis Harden, Jewell Bruner, Jennean Pretty Weasel, Mona Longbrake, White Horse Classmates and all Family and Friends

DRUMS: Wakinyan Maza and Sioux Echo

INTERMENT: Iron Lightning Family Cemetery
Iron Lightning, South Dakota



I'M FREE

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free,
I'm following the path God has laid for me.
I took His hand when I heard His call;
I turned my back and left it all.*

*I could not stay another day
To laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way.
I found peace at the close of the day.*

*If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Oh yes, these things I too will miss.*

*Be not burdened with time of sorrow.
For I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life has been full, I savored much,
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.*

*Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your hearts, and peace to thee,
God wanted me now so HE SET ME FREE.*



Eagle Butte, South Dakota
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Jonnelle Rae Curley was born February 6, 1985 in Eagle Butte, SD to Joan Curley and Marty Takes The Knife. She attended Head Start in Eagle Butte, grade school in White Horse, SD, and high school at Tiospaye Topa School and Cheyenne-Eagle Butte High School, where she graduated in May 2004.

Jonnelle grew up being raised by her aunts and uncles and her mother, she was very close to all her cousins and considered them her brothers and sisters. She was very close to her grandparents, Cecil and Amy (Iron Lightning) Curley, she carries her Grandma Amy's Lakota name "Gives Her Horse." Jonnelle loved to laugh, joke around and tease everyone she met. She made a lot of friends throughout her young life, a lot of whom remained really close with her. She was naturally friendly, got along well with everyone, with an outgoing personality. She was always known best for her laugh, and when she would laugh, her laugh would make you laugh. It was one of a kind. She was known to many by different nicknames (Porky, Jon L Way, Jonny 5, Jonni Rae, Jonni Jo, Faleesha and Nunu), but the name that best fit her was "Sister," she was a sister to many.

While in high school Jonnelle went on various trips. One memorable one was when she was selected as one of the first students to attend the Indian Youth Police Academy in San Bernadino, CA. Throughout high school Jonnelle worked different jobs as well as after she completed high school. Some of those jobs included working at the CRST Planning Office, CRST Payroll Office, Lakota Thrifty Mart, Western Sky Financial, Taco Johns, Oyate Connections, CRST Law Enforcement and Mystic Lake Casino.

Jonnelle was always working, and met many friends along the way. When she became a mother, she worked to provide for her children and always maintained her own home. She loved to cook, she would always comment about what she was cooking and ask what everyone else was having for lunch or supper. She would cook on short notice and for family gatherings, mainly the annual softball tourneys the family sponsors. She helped out where needed, always doing so with a smile and of course, laughing.

Jonnelle loved being a mother. She adored her children and always did her best for them. She had Jeryn Charles, Jhet'Taun Ceese, Kai'Viaun James and Khaida K'Aunys. She then met Waylon High Bear and had two more children, Kelson Kyrie and C'Jay Rozyn. Waylon played a big role in helping her. When she became sick, he was by her side.

Jonnelle was a strong young woman, and although she experienced illness and her body was shutting down, her heart remained very strong. Family members stayed with her and her mother held her up until the end. Her sister/cousins: Missy, Tori, Troylynn, Jana, Cecile and Jessie, remained at her side. They talked to her and joked around, prayed for her, and played her favorite songs; that's how close they were and how much she was loved - their bond was strong. Jonnelle will be missed by many. She was a daughter, sister, niece, granddaughter, mother, godmother and most of all, a friend. She was someone you could count on, someone that could make you laugh, and someone that loved music; she loved to sing and just loved life.

She is survived by her mother, Joan Curley; father, Marty Takes The Knife; children, Jeryn, Jhet'Taun, Kai'Viaun, Khaida, Kelson and C'Jay; the love of her life, Waylon High Bear; baby sister, D'Shaun Star Eagle Chasing; aunts: Linda Addison (Steve), Amelia Curley (Chris), Melissa Jewett (Marcel) and Ethelene Rose Curley; adopted aunts: Michelle Benoist and Emily Lawrence; uncles: Keith Curley (Delores), Kenneth Curley, Cecil Curley, Jr., Myron Curley (Mary Ellen), Irving Curley, and Danny Curley (Valerie); nephew, Leroy; godsons: Daniel Curley and Kyler Red Dog; and goddaughter, Jay'Ellen Red Fox. She looked up to others and considered them very special in her life: Beth Ducheneaux, Kim Lawrence, her "Uncle" Deon Red Dog, Kaye Annis, and Carmen Annis.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Cecil and Amy Curley; uncles, Mervin "Big A" Curley and Arlen Curley; aunt, Elvira "Grace" Agneaux; nephew, Kyle T. Curley; cousins: Terry "Cub" Curley, Grant Langley, SherRon Langley, Courtney "KoKo" Curley, C'Jay Addison, Joseph Brown Wolf, and Misun Curley; her "Granny T" Veronica Iron Lightning; and all friends and relatives who went on before her.

