



In Loving Memory of
Wilma Jean (Larrabee) Straighthead

Mni O'Waca Win (Ocean Maiden)

November 4, 1950
Old Agency, South Dakota

September 5, 2019
Eagle Butte, South Dakota

WAKE SERVICE:

7:00 p.m., Friday, September 13, 2019
CRST Bingo Hall ~ Eagle Butte, South Dakota

FUNERAL SERVICE:

10:00 a.m., Saturday, September 14, 2019
CRST Bingo Hall ~ Eagle Butte, South Dakota

OFFICIATING: All Clergy are Welcome

SPECIAL CASKET BEARERS: "Grandsons"

Roman Andrew, Sean Ramsey, Destinn James,
Natan Darrel, Dro'dean James, Roy Joseph

CASKET BEARERS:

Phillip Dupris Sr., Matthew Vogel, Wesley Larrabee,
Hosteen Rave, Gary Mound, Chauncey Red Elk,
Theodore Miner Jr., Quentin Dupris, Efton Dog Eagle,
Carlyle Red Fox, Michael Barbosa, Toby Skinner, Jared Blue Coat

MUSIC: Lakota Tribe Drum Group
All Singers Welcome

FAVORITE HYMNS:

Dakota Olowan Hymn #25, #45, #104

INTERMENT:

Straighthead Family Cemetery ~ Bear Creek, South Dakota

TRADITIONAL SERVICES:

Delaine Has No Horse

When I must leave you for a little while
Please do not grieve and shed wild tears
And hug your sorrow to you through the years.

But start out **BRAVELY**
with a *gallant smile;*
And for my sake

and in my name,
LIVE ON and do all things the same,
Feed not your loneliness on empty days,

But fill each waking hour in **USEFUL** ways,
Reach out your hand in

Comfort and in *cheer*
And I in turn will **COMFORT YOU**

And hold you near;
And never, never be afraid to die,

For I am **WAITING FOR YOU** in the sky!



Eagle Butte, South Dakota
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Wilma Jean (Larrabee) Straighthead, 68, of Bear Creek, passed away Thursday, September 5, 2019 at the Eagle Butte IHS Hospital.

Wilma Jean was born on November 4, 1950 at the Old Cheyenne Agency. Parents are Joseph Raymond Larrabee and Eunice (Dupris) Larrabee.

She spent her childhood at Poor Buffalo Place, Bear Creek and Green Grass. Wilma was a beloved child on both sides of her family, she shared many happy memories of growing up with her siblings/cousins and grandmas. She lost her father at a young age, and she gave up her mother to advocacy for the people. The grandmothers gave her the Lakota name 'Mni O'Waca Win' (Ocean Maiden), as her father was a Navy Veteran who was stationed at Pearl Harbor and survived.

Wilma Jean attended day school in Bear Creek and graduated from Cheyenne Eagle Butte High School in 1970, her determination to full fill her education was supported by her family because she dropped out to become a young mother. Joleen Nancy was born, she endured being a single mother as Darrel Andrew was drafted and sent to the Vietnam War. Denise Marie was born after Darrel returned home; she was Wilma's sparkler baby born on Independence Day. We all know Wilma loved to gamble, she called Derick James her good luck number baby and betting on what DJ would do that day was her good luck, she always had tough love for her son. Through the years, life was difficult at times. It was the birth of Rachel Jeane that proved miracles happen. Rachel became the breath of fresh air that gave life back to our family and sealed our bonds to each other and made us stronger.

Darrel and Wilma were loving parents, a parent team who opened their home and hearts to many nieces, nephews, and relatives who needed them and shared countless memories with great people.

Wilma Jean worked for the NYC program and her work ethic to help the people was ignited. She worked at the CR Law Enforcement, MCH Health Aide, becoming an EMT, and evolving into a CHR. She spent 45 years up until the time of her death, commitment of advocacy to the health and welfare for the people. Wilma received her Associate of Arts Degree in Social Services in May 1994.

Wilma Jean was a caring person, and her bond with numerous individuals reaches far and wide. She had a loving relationship with her family, her work family, and her bingo family. If you knew the gambler she was, she would always say, "a gambler keeps their backs to the wall". Through the years she enjoyed, reading, beading, bingo, and visiting. She will be missed.

Wilma leaves behind her children: Joleen, Denise, Derick (Lacey), Danita (Ted), and Rachel (Robert); nieces and nephews: Joey(LeeAnna) Dupris, Shawn, Pearson, Tohonnice, Kayla, Kelsey, and Komeisha Allen; her grandchildren: Eunice, Roman, Imaginn, Sean, Kaylynn, Destinn, Natan, Dro'dean, and Roy; Alberta, Teddi, and Duane; Kayla, "Chunky" Brent, Shai, Traci, and Sunni; Jrevan, Stockten, and Staxtten; Umpo, Lowan, Cega, and Skuya; Sheridan, Mariam, Adonis, Rikki, and Tina, great grandchildren and her God children; Hunka daughters: Arlys (Dale) Bagola, Memoree (Toby) Skinner, Audrey (Frank) Makes Room for Them, Nancy Ann Dupris, Kirby Blue Coat, Robin LeBeau, Winona Yellowhead, Angela Young Bear; Hunka sons: Jared (Carla) Blue Coat, Tristan (Susan) Red Bear, Mark Shaving, Dale (Michelle) Larrabee; Tiwahe sisters and brothers.

Preceded by Husband – Darrel A Straighthead, Father – Joseph R Larrabee, Mother – Eunice (Dupris) Larrabee, Brothers – William Larrabee, Gilbert Larrabee, David "Bud" Dupris, "Scope" Yellowhead, Sisters – Delema, Clevia, and Joann. Numerous grandparents, uncles, aunts, cousins, nieces, nephews and friends.



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