

A Mother's Love

By Helen Steiner Rice

A Mother's love is something
That no one can explain,
It is made of deep devotion
And of sacrifice and pain...
It is endless and unselfish
And enduring come what may
For nothing can destroy it
Or take that love away...
It is patient and forgiving
When all others are forsaking,
And it never fails or falters
Even though the heart is breaking...
It believes beyond believing
When the world around condemns,
And it glows with all the beauty
Of the rarest, brightest gems...
It is far beyond defining,
It defies all explanation,
And it still remains a secret
Like the mysteries of creation...
A many splendored miracle
Man cannot understand
And another wondrous evidence
Of God's tender guiding hand.



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In Loving Memory Of

Sherlynn Lee Herrera

July 21, 1963

Eagle Butte, South Dakota

December 31, 2019

Sioux Falls, South Dakota

WAKE SERVICE: 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, January 8, 2020

St. John's Episcopal Church ~ Eagle Butte, South Dakota

FUNERAL SERVICE: 10:00 a.m., Thursday, January 9, 2020

St. John's Episcopal Church ~ Eagle Butte, South Dakota

OFFICIATING: Fr. Paul Sneve and Iva Traversie

CASKET BEARERS: Myron Slides Off, Lee Bruguier, Paul Betone Jr.,

Sam Prairie Chicken, Lowell Slides Off, Tracy Slides Off,

Trenton Casillas-Bakeberg, Marcus Hollow Horn Jr.,

Luther Talks, and Darrell "DJ" Bryson

HONORARY CASKET BEARERS: Adrienne Bruguier, Denise Casillas, Keenan Casillas-Bakeberg, Jared (Raina) Slader, Kim, Madilyn Dawn Bruguier, Amelia Bruguier, Ione (Paul) Betone Sr., Conway (Melissa) Betone, Raine Betone, Kaitlyn Betone, Erik Betone, Jeffrey Betone, Fabian Betone, Jack Slides Off, Zachary Slides Off, Marian Holmes, Jerome (Darcy) Slides Off, Randy Slides Off, Erin Slides Off, Rae Jean Slides Off, Pamela Skinner, Davia Skinner, Willy Skinner, Vida (Shawn) Wheat, Angel & Armando Hernandez, Marilyn & Larry Prairie Chicken, Micah Prairie Chicken, Christina (Greg) Narvaez, Lindsay (Jaison) Elkins, Jorie & Jorja Cavanaugh, Wade Bad Warrior, Cory Bridwell, Bernice Crow, Eunice (Marcus) Hollow Horn Sr., Cameron (Angelika) Howe, Sylas, Syrus, Mason, & Solomon Hollow Horn, Donna Talks, Colleen Talks, Thelma Talks, Lena Clown, Maria Lewis, Derek Lewis, Denelle Lewis, Emaline (Jason) Ebalaroza, Edna Mandan, Ravin Thompson, Lori High Elk, Floyd High Elk, June High Elk, Faye High Elk, Denelle High Elk, Kristi High Elk, Elwood High Elk, Margaret (Sevier) Begay, Teresa Good Bear, Lenora Bryson, Hap & Hilda Marshall, John & Rita Birkeland, Kim Lawrence, Carmen O'Neal, Gertie Lafferty, Bertha Chasing Hawk, Delilah Charger, Colette Shaving, Lynelle Buffalo, Iva (Pierre) Traversie, Valerie Curley, Shirley Dog Eagle, Joy Howard, Irma Noisy Hawk, Scott & Gloria Laundreaux, Margaret (Joel) Watson, Judy (Walter) Hanson, Hunka daughters (Erika's lifelong friends), Feather Stranger-Nelson, Kirby Blue Coat, Carlee Medicine Blanket, Winona Washburn, Jerri LaPlante, & Kelsey Vrooman, Sherlynn's childhood best friend Teri Numkena, Auntie's Clara, Guadalupe, & Uncle Rey Herrera, & the Avera McKennan Transplant Team Sioux Falls SD

INTERMENT: St. Peter's Episcopal Cemetery ~ Thunder Butte, SD

Sherlynn Herrera was born July 21, 1963 at Eagle Butte IHS to Louella "Marie" (Slides Off) Brave Heart and Ladislado C. Herrera. They parted ways. Sherlynn, her sister Murphy, and her mother, who was part of a BIA Native American Women's Education Program, moved around when she was younger. They lived in Denver, Colorado and San Diego, California where her mother went to school and worked. Then they moved to Thunder Butte, SD. When her mother met Christopher Brave Heart Sr. and married him, she gained a stepfather who became her loving dad. She lived there with her family for many years in her own home watching her children grow up. They attended church functions at St. John's Episcopal Church where all her children were baptized. She was always involved in community activities.

She graduated with her Associates Degree in Early Childhood Education from Si Tanka College while working for the Tribal Daycare Center in Eagle Butte. She loved her coworkers and all the daycare kids who attended while she worked there. Later, she moved to Eagle Butte permanently with her three younger children.

In 2015 she graduated with her Bachelor of Science in Business Management from Oglala Lakota College also working full-time after moving on from the Daycare Center. She worked for Dupree School, CRST Property & Supply, Great Plains Tribal Chairman's Health Board, Indian Health Services, and lastly the Four Bands Program as a Suicide Prevention Specialist. She loved working with people. She made many friends working, traveling to workshops, and conferences. She didn't see it as work, but opportunities to educate our people. That's the kind of person she was.

She took great care of her children and grandchildren. She especially made sure her dad, Chris, was fed, driven to church, and had everything he needed. She loved her dad very much and always made sure he was taken care of. She attended every birthday, every sporting event, every family member's graduation, and every church meeting that she could. She always made our birthdays extra special by having a big family dinner.

Sherlynn received her lay reader certification with the Episcopal Church Diocese, she also worked tirelessly fundraising for St. Peter's Episcopal Church, St. John's Episcopal Church, and for the many Tribal Programs she worked for to better our community. Not a lot of people knew how sick she was because she kept going and working hard until the last time she became ill. Her children stayed by her side throughout her whole hospital stay. They took turns staying with her, and they made sure she was never alone. Many family members went to visit her in the hospital and prayed for her. Her Aunties Adrienne and Lone, Uncle Jack, cousins Denise and Raine, and niece Vida. She had many people stop by or reach out to give their love and support.

Sherlynn raised her grandson, Dredyn Tyler. You could always see her going around with him and other grandkids who were around. She was beloved by them all and did everything and anything for them. She will be greatly missed by her entire family.

Her passing left us with a giant hole in our hearts. She was such a big piece of our lives that it may almost be impossible to go on. She worked hard and her faith was in God, and we hope to find the strength to follow in her footsteps. She is now with her mom, our "Unci" (Grandma Marie) whom she missed and was still mourning for.

Mom, we love you always and forever with all our hearts - your babies, grand babies, and family. We'll miss you every day.

Sherlynn is survived by her stepfather, "Dad" Christopher Brave Heart Sr.; father of children, Ricky DeHorse; daughter, Erika (Sam) Prairie Chicken of Rapid City, Corey DeHorse (Nicolette Iron Hawk) of Rapid City, Misty DeHorse (Jorja B. Cavanaugh) and Jacie DeHorse (Dre'dyn DeHorse); sister, Murphy Herrera; nephew, Taten Brown; three nieces: Brandee Herrera, Tahnee Herrera, and Taliyah "Jo" Jamisen; and 17 grandchildren whom she loved dearly: her "baby" Dredyn Tyler DeHorse, Daeson, Jacobe, and Carter Prairie Chicken, Jorja B. Cavanaugh, Jordyn and Markus DeHorse, Landon, Cayden, Tayah, and Jaelyn Bad Warrior, Aiden Brandenburger, Sajaida, Noelani Herrera, Kylee and Taygen Whirlwind Horse and Cambry Jamisen.

She is preceded in death by her mother, Louella "Marie" Brave Heart; biological father, Ladislado Herrera; grandmother, Elsie (Clown) and grandfather, Owen Slides Off.



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