



Afterglow

I'd like the memory of me to be a happy one,
I'd like to leave an afterglow of smiles when day is gone.
I'd like to leave an echo whispering softly down the ways,
Of happy times, and laughing times, and bright and sunny days.
I'd like the tears of those who grieve to dry before the sun,
Of happy memories that I leave when life is done.

In Loving Memory Of

Marlene Deanna Bowker

Sunka Wakan Owayang Waste Win (Beautiful Horse Woman)

May 21, 1940
Old Agency, South Dakota

October 31, 2020
Gettysburg, South Dakota

FUNERAL SERVICE:

9:00 a.m., Monday, November 16, 2020
Luce Funeral Home
Gettysburg, South Dakota

OFFICIATING: Rev. Pauline Webb

EULOGIST: Francine Hall

CASKET BEARERS:

Jeremy "Jobo" Gabe, Charles "Chops" Gabe,
Marty Thompson, Kenton Dean Thompson, Cap Pearman,
Frankie Charles Cavanaugh, Scott Laundreaux, Jeffrey Bowker,
JR Laundreaux, Coke Cavanaugh, Jared "Cowboy" Cavanaugh,
Jason Dupris, Oliver Miner, Scottie Louis, Stetson Cavanaugh,
Amber Laundreaux, Scottie Laundreaux, Erica Laundreaux,
Jamie Cavanaugh, Jorie Marshall, Jessie Cavanaugh,
Jacie Cavanaugh, Rocki Rae Maynard,
Samantha & Jewell Bowker

HONORARY CASKET BEARERS:

All Family and Friends that have been good to her over the years.

MUSIC:

"I'll Leave This World Loving You" "Precious Memories"
"Phone in Heaven"

INTERMENT:

Congregational Cemetery ~ LaPlant, South Dakota



Marlene Deanna Laundreaux Bowker was born on May 21, 1940 to Joe and Amelia (Scott) Laundreaux at the Old Cheyenne Agency in Chairman Luke Gilbert's residence. She is one of nine siblings, with three sisters: Jolene Laundreaux (Infant), Arvilla Laundreaux Johnson and Verna Garreaux LeCompte; and five brothers: Mervin Laundreaux, Grant Garreaux, Frank Garreaux, Manson Garreaux, and Melvin Garreaux, Sr. Marlene attended the Old Agency School and graduated in 1959. She was also the last Old Agency Rodeo Queen to be crowned in 1955. She was a real cowgirl.

Marlene married Mervin Cavanaugh and of that union she had three children: Rain'E Cavanaugh, Frank Cavanaugh, and Scott Laundreaux. They were later divorced.

She married Ellsworth Bowker and of that union she had one son, Jeff Bowker. Marlene then moved along the river to be with her husband, who was employed by a local rancher.

Marlene enjoyed watching her favorite television shows; WWE Wrestling and game shows, going to the casino with friends, and spending time with family. She attended many rodeos and participated in some. She also honored many cowboys and cowgirls through her years. Five ran for the rodeo queen, one was a runner up, two of her granddaughters carried on her tradition as rodeo queen and one great granddaughter.

After becoming a widow, Marlene moved back home and started working various jobs. She was employed by the AGE Construction Company, CRST Law Enforcement (Detox Center), CRST LIEAP Program, and her final employment was with the CRST Tribal Council as Sergeant of Arms.

Marlene is survived by her children: Frank (Connie) Cavanaugh and Scott (Gloria) Laundreaux, Sr., both of Eagle Butte, SD, and Jeff Bowker of LaPlant, SD; 18 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; 2 great-great grandchildren; one brother: Melvin (Melda) Garreaux, Sr.; and one sister; Beatrice Gabe.

Marlene is preceded in death by her parents: Joe and Amelia (Scott) Laundreaux; her late husband, Ellsworth Bowker; three sisters: Jolene Laundreaux (Infant), Arvilla Johnson, and Verna LeCompte; four brothers: Grant Garreaux, Frank Garreaux, Manson Garreaux, and Mervin Laundreaux; one daughter, Rain'E Cavanaugh; three grandsons: Stetson Cavanaugh, Brandon LaRoche, and Drazen Lafferty; one granddaughter, Jeri Cavanaugh; her aunts: Sophie Laundreaux, Lucy Laundreaux, Josephine Laundreaux, Mildred Phillips and Bertha Annis; her uncles: Grover Scott, Elmer Scott, Sam Agneaux, and Louie Laundreaux; her paternal grandparents: George and Mary Laundreaux; and her maternal grandparents: Charles and Sophia Scott.

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