

## *A Tribute to Mom*

*We couldn't begin to count the times  
She tolerated our moods,  
Consoled our heartbreaks  
And disappointments,  
Endured our ups and downs,  
Listened to words confused by tears  
And just simply understood  
For no other reason  
Then because she loved us.  
  
The years hold precious memories,  
But most of all they hold growth.  
In a way, we grew up together...  
Mom is our definition  
Of a special person... Fantastic...  
Exceptional... Unique... Enduring!  
She filled our lives with happiness  
And sweet feelings that we will  
Carry in our hearts forever.*



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## *In Loving Memory Of*

# **Tonia "Roxey" Widow**

*Wakan Nape Ahpeya Win "Woman Who Heals With Sacred Hands"*

June 8, 1976  
Eagle Butte, South Dakota

June 14, 2021  
Eagle Butte, South Dakota

### **WAKE:**

6:00 p.m., Thursday, June 24, 2021  
CRST Bingo Hall – Eagle Butte, South Dakota

### **FUNERAL SERVICE:**

11:00 a.m., Friday, June 25, 2021  
CRST Bingo Hall – Eagle Butte, South Dakota

### **OFFICIATING:**

Brother and Sister Morgan

### **SPEAKER:**

Billie Garreau

### **CASKET BEARERS:**

Edmund Widow, Edwin Widow, Kingston Widow, Paul Widow,  
Jauron Widow, Duriel Widow, Tate Widow, Keaton Widow,  
Nate Widow, Ian Widow, Derek Bartlett, Talon Shaving,  
Jay St. John, Valdon St. John, Jerry St. John, Chastyn Waloke,  
Kelly Waloke, and Reuben Washburn

### **HONORARY CASKET BEARERS:**

All of Roxey's Family and Friends  
You all meant so very much to her and we didn't want to forget anyone.

### **DRUM GROUP:**

Wakinyan Maza

### **TRADITIONAL SERVICES:**

Vernell Sitting Crow

### **FINAL RESTING PLACE:**

St. Mark's Episcopal Cemetery – Red Scaffold, South Dakota

**Tonia Lynn Widow** also known as Roxey, was the first-born daughter to Narcisse Widow, and Marlis Afraid of Hawk. Roxey journeyed to the spirit world on Monday June 14, 2021 at the age of 45. Six days earlier, she celebrated her birthday, June 8, 1976. Born during a bi-centennial year, celebrations were occurring everywhere. Including the two large Tiospayes awaiting her birth, Wiwazija (Widow) and Cetan Kokipa (Afraid of Hawk).

Her arrival brought a huge shift in energy within the two Tiospayes. She was welcomed by many aunts, uncles, and cousins. She was the first-born granddaughter of Ed and Delma Widow. She was a beautiful, sweet baby with coal black hair, and chokecherry eyes. Her arrival also was celebrated by her parents' union of marriage. A large gathering of relatives came to witness this blessed event. Roxey's parents were kind, loving and patient with her. She had enjoyed close relationships with her parents and was a daddy's girl through and through. She gave them the greatest gift, grandchildren, and she enjoyed being around her own grandchildren of 9, 5 boys, 4 girls.

As a young girl, she traveled with her Grandma Delma, and her aunties to LDS church conferences in Utah. She went to all the rodeos, pow wows, and carnivals. She loved school at Red Scaffold, and attended Takini, home of the Skyhawks where she was a vibrant, vocal, and beautiful cheerleader. She made many friends and met many relatives. She was a good relative and sister by offering refuge and a place to eat.

She met and fell in love with Ferlin Carter. Grandma Delma said Roxey literally fell out of the car trying to get Ferlin's attention. That's when they found out she had a boyfriend. Like her own beginning, Roxey's first born, Shalynn, was a highly anticipated event. The welcome party included a group of beautiful highly respected great grandmothers: Delma Widow, Angeline Afraid of Hawk, and her sisters, Rosalie Dupris, Doris Ward, and Victoria LeClaire.

After Shalynn Marie came Kasten Aaron, named after his dad's favorite pastime, fishing. Jacine Shawn, who is every bit like her dad, always the one that Roxey said acted like him. Jordan LaVonne, named after her dad's mother, who is true to her mom's nature, kind and loving. Kailey Lynn, she came to be a strong loving daughter. Roxey said she loved her artistic ways. Cassie Rae is very athletic and enjoys participating in sports. K'Lynn Nicole was the tiniest baby of all the girls - so cute and Roxey's baby girl. Years and years of Kasten being the lone wolf, he gained four brothers, Mason Kade, Winston Thomas, Lanston Narcisse, and Maxton James.

The one great thing Roxey did while on earth was bring many spirits to gain an earthly body. She cared for, loved, and cherished these children she was entrusted with. To her last day on earth, she worked to get herself better and to get her boys and girls home. She was a beautiful soul, kind to everyone, no matter the circumstances. She had many friends, who will miss her calls checking on them. May she always be remembered, dreamt of, thought of, and inspired by. Roxey, we will always have you by our side till the days fade into the sunset, and we meet again.

She is survived by the family she cherished: Ferlin Carter; children: Shalynn (Travis), Kasten, Jacine, Jordan (Kyler), Kailey (Raven), Cassie, K'Lynn, Mason, Winston, Lanston, Maxton Widow; grandchildren: Shamauri, J'Leighton, Kylie, Tryson, Kinsley, Hinzi III, Soel, Dace, and Kyza; mother: Marlis Afraid of Hawk; sisters: RaDawn, Deeann, and Heidi; brothers: Paul, Jauron, Duriel, Chastyn, Derek, and Kelly; aunts: Nadine Widow and Janice Afraid of Hawk; uncles: Edmund and Edwin Widow and John Afraid of Hawk; grandfather, Lala Edward Widow; and many nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her paternal grandmother, maternal grandparents: Delma Widow, Danny and Angeline Afraid of Hawk; dad: Narcisse; aunts: Narcelle and Norma Widow; uncles: Norris Widow, Rocke and Rick Afraid of Hawk; infant child, O'Kilapi; cousins: Tiffany Widow Shaving and Caralita St. John; niece: Hailey Cook.

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