

## *When Tomorrow Starts Without Me*

*If tomorrow starts without me, and I'm not here to see,  
If the sun should rise and find your eyes all filled with tears for me,  
I wish so much you wouldn't cry the way you did today,  
While thinking of the many things, we didn't get to say.  
I know how much you love me, as much as I love you,  
And each time that you think of me, I know you'll miss me too.  
But when tomorrow starts without me, please try to understand,  
That an angel came and called my name, and took me by the hand,  
He said my place was ready, in heaven far above,  
And that I'd have to leave behind all those I dearly love.  
But as I turned and walked away a tear fell from my eye.  
For all my life I'd always thought, I didn't want to die.  
I had so much to live for, so much left yet to do.  
It seemed almost impossible that I was leaving you.  
I thought of all the yesterdays the good ones and the bad.  
I thought of all the love we shared, and all the fun we had.  
If I could relive yesterday, just even for a while,  
I'd say goodbye and kiss you and maybe see you smile.  
But then I fully realized that this could never be,  
For emptiness and memories would take the place of me.  
When I thought of worldly things I might miss come tomorrow  
I thought of you and when I did my heart was filled with sorrow.  
When I walked through heaven's gates I felt so much at home.  
God looked down and smiled at me from his great golden throne  
He said, "This is eternity and all I've promised you"  
Today your life on earth has passed but here life starts anew.  
I promise no tomorrow, but today will always last.  
And since each day is the same there's no longing for the past.  
You have been so faithful, so trusting and so true.  
Though there were times you did some things you knew you shouldn't do.  
You have been forgiven and now at last you're free.  
So won't you come and take my hand and share my life with me?  
So when tomorrow starts without me, don't think we're far apart,  
For every time you think of me, I'm right here in your heart.*

## *In Loving Memory Of*

# *Mashawn Rae Uses Many*

March 1, 1969  
Eagle Butte, South Dakota

December 18, 2021  
Bismarck, North Dakota

### **WAKE:**

7:00 p.m., Tuesday, December 28, 2021  
St. John's Episcopal Church – Eagle Butte, South Dakota

### **FUNERAL SERVICE:**

10:00 a.m., Wednesday, December 29, 2021  
St. John's Episcopal Church – Eagle Butte, South Dakota

### **OFFICIATING:**

Mother Ellen Huber, Father Kurt Huber, and Shirley Dog Eagle

### **CASKET BEARERS:**

John McLane, Richard Benoist, Jr., Carey Schad, Briar Bagola,  
David, McLane, Aubray Iron Moccasin, Jamie Charging Eagle,  
Marvette Oldman, Arden Marshall, and Craig Simone

### **HONORARY CASKET BEARERS:**

All of Mashawn's Family and Friends, there are too many to mention.

**MUSIC:** All Singers and Drums are Welcome.

### **INTERMENT:**

Eagle Butte Cemetery – Eagle Butte, South Dakota





**Mashawn Rae (Benoist) Uses Many** was born on March 1, 1969 in Eagle Butte, SD to Richard Benoist, Sr. and Ramona (Jewett) McLane. Her life's journey ended on December 18, 2021 at St. Alexis hospital in Bismarck, ND.

Mashawn was raised in Rapid City, SD, where she attended school and later went to the Job Corps in Clearfield, UT. She returned to Rapid City and worked at the Ellsworth Air Force Base, where she met Eddie Gonzalez, the father of her son, John, who was raised and later adopted by his grandparents, William and Ramona McLane. John always looked out for his mom, making sure she was taken care of.

Mashawn moved to Utah to live with her sister, Marie, until she found a job and her own place to live. Her second child, Leticia Rose, was born, and she returned to Eagle Butte where she met and married Melvin Bagola, Jr. To this union three sons were born, Briar Wayne, Ramon Louis, and Melvin III. She worked at Lakota Thrifty Mart from 1995 – 2005.

In 2007 she met her current husband, Jules Uses Many. Employment took them to various places, before settling in Eagle Butte where she remained until her passing.

Mashawn was known for her famous potato salad, her infectious laugh and sense of humor. She was always willing to lend a helping hand no matter what the occasion, she was a joy to have around. She loved her family dearly, especially her children and grandchildren. She will be forever missed and loved by her whole family.

Mashawn is survived by her husband, Jules Uses Many; mother, Ramona McLane; five children: John (Shelby) McLane, Leticia (Rueben) Johnson, Briar, Ramon, and Melvin III; six grandchildren: Lexi Jade, Haydus Blayzin, Samuel John, Jr., Owen Carter, Haylos Blayz, and Sidney Ray.

She was preceded in death by her father, Richard Benoist, Sr.; paternal grandparents, Sidney Benoist and Lena Low Dog; maternal grandparents, Stanley Jewett and Annabell Morgan; sister, Willie (McLane) Biros; and a grandson, Haylen James.

