

### If Tears Could Build A Stairway

If tears could build a stairway  
And memories were a lane  
We would walk right up to heaven  
And bring you back again.

No farewell words were spoken  
No time to say goodbye  
You were gone before we knew it  
And only God knows why.

Our hearts still ache in sadness  
And secret tears will flow  
What it meant to lose you  
No one can ever know.

But now we know you want us  
To mourn for you no more  
To remember all the happy times  
Life still has much in store.

Since you'll never be forgotten  
We pledge to you today  
A hallowed place within our hearts  
Is where you'll always stay.

### Broken Chain

We little knew the day that  
God was coming to call your name.

In life we loved you dearly,  
in death we do the same.

It broke our heart to lose you,  
but you did not go alone;

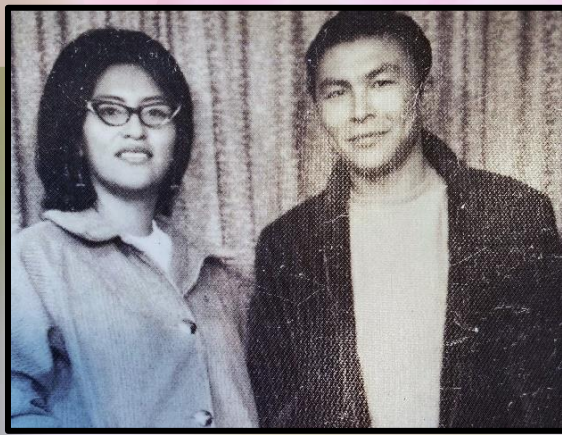
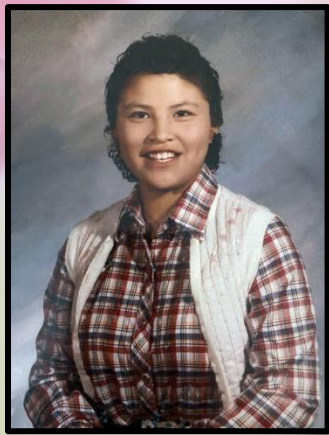
For part of us went with you  
the day God called you home.

You left us peaceful memories,  
your love is still our guide,

And although we cannot see you,  
you are always at our side.

Our family chain is broken  
and nothing seems the same,

But as God calls us one by one,  
the chain will link again.



### In Loving Memory Of

# Reiko Jannell Mike

## Charle' Waste' Winyan "Good Heart Woman"

March 11, 1971  
Oakland, California

December 12, 2022  
Denver, Colorado

**WAKE SERVICE:** 6:00 p.m., Thursday, December 29, 2022  
St. John's Episcopal Church ~ Eagle Butte, South Dakota

**FUNERAL SERVICE:** 10:00 a.m., Friday, December 30, 2022  
St. John's Episcopal Church ~ Eagle Butte, South Dakota

**OFFICIATING:** Father Kurt Huber

**CASKET BEARERS:** Calib Two Hearts, Winston Mike,  
Ramsey Black Bird, Cecil Black Bird, Dillon Bruguier,  
Stottin Newbrough, Delbert Bruguier Jr., Tony Pearman, Jess Mike

**HONORARY CASKET BEARERS:** Leslie LeCompte, Hope Thompson, Lori Mike, Angel Gilbert, Christy Thunder Shield, Deanna Trilling, Stacy Holmes, Michael Holmes, Matthew Baca, Jacob Holmes, Skyler Holmes, Stacy and Tammy Holmes, Chad and Anna Barringer & family, Tobia and Sheryl Homes, Canny Holmes, Shannon Holmes, Susie Payne, Russell Payne, Tammy Gunville, Erynne Ducheneaux, Doriane LaPlant, Aldina Moran, Justin Red Bird, Tammy Moran, Sherry Red Elk, John Moran, Sherry Martell, Terry and Jim Pearman, Tell Pearman, Ronda Pearman, Blake Charlie and Corey Pearman, Kenton Thompson, Lionel and Edie Iron Moccasin, Rhonda Eagle Chasing, Jannon Dog Eagle, Ronica Eagle Chasing, Dixie Black Moon, Melvin and Melda Garreaux, Billie Rose Garreaux & family, Lori Garreaux, Grandma Hannah Morris, Aunt Lydia Weston, Roberta Bird Horse & Family, Phillip and Tammy Bird Horse, Renee Turning Heart, Denver Medical Center, Denver, CO

**MUSIC:** Susie Payne and Charlie Etzkorn  
All Other Singers Welcome

**INTERMENT:** Eagle Butte Cemetery ~ Eagle Butte, South Dakota



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Reiko Jonnell Mike, 51, Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe member, entered the spirit world Monday, December 12, 2022, at Denver Health Medical Center, Denver, CO.

Reiko was born in Oakland, California to Yvonne Mike Garreaux and Jonathan Mike. She grew up in Eagle Butte, SD spending most of her younger life in the China town area. She attended school at Cheyenne-Eagle Butte and St. Joseph Catholic School in Chamberlain, SD. While attending school at St. Joseph she was crowned Miss St. Joseph, started Indian dancing, was a Fancy Shawl Dancer and competed in several competitions, winning the majority of the time.

She attended job corps in Utah, Oklahoma, New Mexico, and South Dakota. She attended school at United Tribes in Bismarck, ND, then after school she began to travel, finding employment wherever she went. Her work skills and experience helped her with her everyday life. Reiko went to Denver, Colorado where she met the love of her life, Michael Holmes, her best friend, and her mentor.

She spent the remainder of her life with Michael Holmes and her dog, Shunka.

Reiko is survived by her special friend, Michael Holmes of Denver, CO; son, Calib Two Hearts of Dickenson, ND; daughter, Chyler Lillion Von Weston of Riverton, WY; extended family: Susie Payne and family, Jess and Lori Mike of Eagle Butte, Anthony Pearman of Swiftbird, Delbert and Shantoya Bruguier, of Cottonwood Creek, Markata Chasing Hawk of Eagle Butte, Rose (Donel) Newbrough of Eagle Butte; grandmother, Hannah Morris of Carrollton, Texas; and aunt, Lydia Weston of Kodiak, Alaska.

She was preceded in death by her brother, Jonathon Mike; son, Coleton Mike; grandson, Lennick Mike; Seraphine and Lillie Gareaux, Peter Barringer, Betty Vance, Carl Vance, Fred Holmes, and Chris Shorty Bardeaux.

The Family of Reiko Jonnell Mike wishes to thank you for your heartfelt thoughts, kind words, and all the prayers. We so much appreciate your words of comfort and continued prayers. Please do not feel offended if we missed you, it wasn't intentional.



*In Loving Memory Of*

*Reiko J. Mike*

*March 11, 1971 – December 12, 2022*