



*The Family Chain*

*If love could have saved you –  
You would not have died.  
If tears could bring you back  
You'd be by our side.*

*It broke our hearts to lose you,  
But you did not go alone;  
For part of us went with you  
The day God called you home.*

*God takes us one by one  
And breaks the family chain.  
But somewhere in a better land  
Our chain will link again.*



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*In Loving Memory Of*  
***Gloria Ann Sitting Crow***  
*Wa'chante Wa'wokiye Win (Helps with Kindness)*

May 27, 1956  
Eagle Butte, South Dakota

February 28, 2023  
Rapid City, South Dakota

**WAKE SERVICE:** 7:00 p.m., Friday, March 10, 2023  
Takini School Gymnasium ~ Takini, South Dakota

**FUNERAL SERVICE:** 11:00 a.m., Saturday, March 11, 2023  
Takini School Gymnasium ~ Takini, South Dakota

**OFFICIATING:** Fr. John Paul Trask and Sister Lori Leese

**CASKET BEARERS:** Herbert Sitting Crow, Troy Sitting Crow, Justin Sitting Crow, Sundance Sitting Crow, Isidro Sitting Crow, Taun Bear Stops, Teno Bear Stops, Jaydee Bear Stops, Brady Bear Stops, Thomas Black Moon, Willis Black Moon

**HONORARY CASKET BEARERS:** Aryls Briggs & Family, Marlene & June Runs After & Family, Kit Veit & Family, Floyd & Helen Annis, Buddy & Dolly Jo Knife & Family, Catherine Alexandria, DeVina Long Brake, Kee Red Horse, Dean Dupris, George & Lisa Till & Family, Lori Leese, Ed Widow & Family, Sarah Henisman, Manny & Rene Iron Hawk & Family, Doug Widow & Family, Dave & Karen Hump & Family, Steve & Darlene Vance & Family, Inez Iron Hawk & Family, Jason & Nichole White Wolf & Family, Burtis & Diane White Wolf & Family, Clark Iron Hawk & Family, Kim Louis & Family, Sylvia Pictotte & Family, JD & Patti Williams, Mike & Jenny Walters, Harold & Kitty Tiger & Family, Sybil Lone Eagle & Family, Marliiss Afraid of Hawk & Family, September Waloke & Family, Ilese Oakie & Truman Bobtail Bear, Elaine Widow, Kirk Oakie, Lyndsey & Wani Mesteth, Margo Iron Hawk & Family, Pat Marshall & Paula Millian, Bill Lee, Doyle & Nikki Pipe On Head & Family, Iron Necklace Family, Betsy & Dabian Spotted Wood, Carolynne Landon, Fabian Kennady, Hal Robinson, Bald Eagle Family, Collins Family, Lyle, Cyril, Wakinyan & Jay Cook, Donna Albers & Family, Joe & Tricia Sedivey, Amos Cook, Arlene Demery & Family, Young Bear Family, Tri-Community Supper & Local Boards, Cheyenne River Support Service Staff, Cheyenne River Head Start Program Staff, Takini School Board, Takini Students & Staff, Pat Red Fox & Family, Benita Clark & Family.

We haven't forgotten you, but there are too many friends, families, and relatives to name.

**MUSIC:** Wakinyan Maza Drum Group and All Musicians Welcome

**INTERMENT:** Sacred Heart Catholic Cemetery ~ Red Scaffold, South Dakota





**Gloria Sitting Crow**, 66, of Red Scaffold, passed away Tuesday, February 28, 2023, at Monument Health, Rapid City.

Gloria (Lone Eagle) Sitting Crow was born on May 27, 1956, to Romanus Bear Stops and Catherine Lone Eagle at Red Scaffold, SD. Gloria's siblings are her sisters: Delores Durant of Denver, CO, Kathleen Garnette (deceased), Alvina Circle Bear (deceased), Romalee Bear Stops of Rapid City, SD, Earlene Rooks of Wambli, SD, Georgia Rooks of Wambli, SD; and four brothers: James (Connie) Bear Stops of Red Scaffold, SD, Kermit Bear Stops AKA "Horse" of Denver, CO, Melvin BadHand and Rodney BadHand both of Wambli, SD.

In 1974, Gloria met the love of her life, Vernell Sitting Crow, at the Rosebud Celebration.

Vernell and Gloria were married on October 24, 1975. To this celebration, three boys and four girls were born: Jennifer Chasing Hawk of Denver, Herbert Austin Sitting Crow of Sioux Falls, Troy Sitting Crow of Red Scaffold, Lena Sitting Crow of Red Scaffold, LaRee Sitting Crow of Rapid City, Cheron Sitting Crow, and Justin Sitting Crow of Red Scaffold. Gloria had 28 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren, and she saw her 5<sup>th</sup> generation from her father, Romanus Bear Stops. Gloria's most important gifts were her many takojas, with raising Isidro and William. Gloria was a foster parent to Dawson White Mag Pie of Cherry Creek, SD.

Gloria received her General Education Degree at a private school in Hawarden, Iowa. Gloria then went on to get her bachelor's degree in education at the Cheyenne River Lakota College in Eagle Butte, South Dakota. Gloria also continued her learning at BHSU in Spearfish, SD and Si Tanka College in Eagle Butte, SD. This led to Gloria's passion for teaching and learning.

Gloria was a CNA at Fargo, North Dakota. With her passion for children, Gloria became a teacher at Red Scaffold School. She then went on to become a Head Start Teacher at various centers on CRST. Although not in the classroom, Gloria continued to serve children as the Disability Manager and Nutrition Services at the Head Start Center. Still serving children, Gloria was a Paraprofessional at Takini School and Cheyenne Eagle Butte Schools. Gloria knew that she wanted to advocate for student success and served as a Takini School Board Member for many, many years.

You could find Gloria at any of her children or takojas school events cheering them on. Gloria was very spiritual and would pray for all. Gloria loved to pass on her values and traditions to her children, takojas, and relatives. Gloria always encouraged her children to sing so they could learn to speak Lakota. You could find Gloria singing her Lakota songs behind any drum group. Gloria was a true Lakota language preservationist by speaking and teaching others the language. Gloria was a champion traditional dancer. Gloria was every essence of her Lakota name Wa'chante Wa'wokiye Win (Helps with Kindness).

Gloria started her journey to the spirit world on February 28, 2023, in Rapid City, S D. She was met with open arms by her daughter Cheron, foster son Dawson, her parents, and her tiospaye who have gone on before her. Gloria will be immensely missed by her husband Vernell, children, sisters, brothers, takokjas, colleagues, friends, and the rest of her tiospaye.

