

*O Great Spirit,
Whose breath gives life to the world
and whose voice is heard
in the soft breeze, we need your
strength and wisdom.
May we walk in beauty.
May our eyes ever behold the red
and purple sunset.
Make us wise so that we may
understand what you have taught us.
Help us learn the lessons you have
hidden in every leaf and rock,
Make us always ready to come to you
with clean hands and straight eyes
so when life fades, as the fading sunset,
our spirits may come to you without shame.
---From a Native American Prayer*



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In Loving Memory Of
Sarah Margaret Garter

September 15, 1970
Eagle Butte, South Dakota

February 21, 2025
Rapid City, South Dakota

WAKE SERVICE: 6:00 p.m., Sunday, March 9, 2025
St. John's Episcopal Church - Eagle Butte, South Dakota

FUNERAL SERVICE: 11:00 a.m., Monday, March 10, 2025
St. John's Episcopal Church - Eagle Butte, South Dakota

OFFICIATING: Mother Ellen Huber,
Deacon Iva Traversie, and Shirley Dog Eagle

CASKET BEARERS: Cherronna Eagle Chasing, Michael Archambault, Reagan Smith, Dugan Smith, Chera Smith, Iris Hill, Joshua Swift Bird, Grant Chavez, Liam Iron Lightning, John Noisy Hawk, Marvin Noisy Hawk, Westley Redday, Casper Ducheneaux, Anthony Flying By, Dre'don Garter, Erica High Bear, JC Chavez, Tony Iron Lightning, Larry Chavez, Lucas Iron Lightning, Myron Noisy Hawk, RJ Noisy Hawk, and Kyleigh Garter

HONORARY CASKET BEARERS: Eagle Butte Dialysis, Bismarck ND Dialysis, RC Monument ICU Care, Dale Iron Lightning & Families, Frankie, Sabrina, Dixie, Raven Fish & Families, Sally Peneaux & Families, Colbi Sands & Families, Ina LeBeau & Families, Amy Flying By & Chris Flying By & Families, Rose Howard-Yellow & Family, Winona Yellow Head & Family, Winona Kasto & Family, Karla Labatte, Susie Laplante, Robin Dupris, Brenda Ducheneaux, Elizabeth Ducheneaux, Francis Ducheneaux, Maryann Defender, George Defender, Vonda Long, Gail Elsey, Jeanette Iron Moccasin, Dawny Pretty Weasel, Dawn Frazier, Lynn Frazier, Julie Rivers & Families, George Archambault, Jackie Archambault, Rhonda Uses Many, Ronica Eagle Chasing, Ron Eagle Chasing, Darla Yellow Earring, Emmanuel Red Bear Sr. & Families, James & Mike Eagle Chasing, Delores Bagola, Clown, In The Woods, Bad Warrior, Little Shield, Morrison, Condon, and Counting Tiospaye's, Chad Lara, Yessica, Hulio Lara, Tyrell Garreaux Sr., Kelli LeBeau, Kim Rave, Christie Thunder Shield, Michelle West, Carla, Carl Garreaux, Sharon, Mike, Karen, & Issac Halfred, Bernie Halfred, Ray Marshall II, Carson Mound, Gwendolyn White Magpie, Little Shield Families, Romero Families, Elizabeth Moran Family, CRST Support Services, CRST Treasurer's Office, Devin Eagle Chasing, Delvin Larrabee, RC Monument Hospital (ICU), EB Transit, EB Ambulance, Black Hills Dialysis, Sandy Holy Bear, Gerald Traversie, Eileen Briggs, Kathlene Sampson, Karmen Little Wounded, Brionne Blue Arm, Deidra Red Bear, Tristian Red Bear, Shawn Red Bear, and Sheldon Red Bear

MUSIC: All Musicians and Singers Welcome

BURIAL: St. James Episcopal Cemetery – Bear Creek, South Dakota

Sarah Garter, 54, of Eagle Butte, passed away Friday, February 21, 2025, at Monument Health, Rapid City.

Sarah was born on September 15, 1970, in Eagle Butte, SD, to Joseph Lyle Garter and Lavinia Margaret Eagle Chasing. She grew up in Bear Creek, and she received her GED certificate from O.L.C. Community College. For a year, she participated in the Mormon Placement Program, continuing her education in Idaho. In 1978, her family moved to Albuquerque, NM, before eventually returning to Eagle Butte.

Over the years, Sarah dedicated her time to serving her community. She worked as a cook at Eagle Butte's middle and high schools before transitioning into administrative roles. She later worked in central records, served as a secretary for the tribal treasurer, and contributed to the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) program for the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe.

In her spare time, Sarah found joy in cooking, working on puzzles, and spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren. She was happiest when surrounded by her special grandchildren, Aiden and Leah Red Dog.

Sarah is survived by her sons: Taten J. Ducheneaux, Taryn P. Ducheneaux and Skyler M. Garter; father, Joseph L. Garter; siblings: Elizabeth Garter, Maxine Eagle Chasing Flying By, and Marsha Knight-Eagle Chasing; brothers: Posey L., Mark D., and Otis M. Garter; Takoja's: Danica Miner, Aiden and Leah Ducheneaux, Kadence Garter, and Dominic Curley-Ducheneaux; aunts: Wilma Garter-Traversie, Martha Hale, and Pat Red Fox; and uncles: Tony and Kermit Garter, Cleo Hale, and Zigmund Hollow Horn.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Lavinia M. Eagle Chasing; grandparents: Moses and Amy (Counting) Garter, Robert Hale, Margaret Eagle Chasing-Morrison, Mazie In the Woods, and Ellen In The Woods; aunts: Irene Red Bear, Maggie Montreal, Flora High Bear, Genevieve Swift Bird, Frieda Fish, Sylvia High Bear, Pauline A. Bad Warrior, Carma Eagle Chasing, Delvinia Morrison, Theresa Kills Crow, Connie Bear Stops, Charmaine Harrison, and Loveleah In The Woods; and uncles: Richard and Herbert Hale, Larry Hale, Larry In The Woods, Kenneth Rufus Eagle Chasing, Carlin Morrison, and Donny Eagle Chasing; nephews: Joseph Noisy Hawk and Young Eagle Lee.

In Loving Memory



Sarah M. Garter

1970 - 2025