

When I'm Gone

*When I come to the end of my journey
And I travel my last weary mile
Just forget if you can, that I ever frowned
And remember only the smile.*

*Forget unkind words I have spoken
Remember some good I have done
Forget that I ever had heartache
And remember I've had loads of fun.*

*Forget that I've stumbled and blundered
And sometimes fell by the way
Remember I have fought some hard battles
And won, ere the close of the day.*

*Then forget to grieve for my going
I would not have you sad for a day
But in summer just gather some flowers
And remember the place where I lay.*

*And come in the shade of evening
When the sun paints the sky in the west
Stand for a few moments beside me
And remember only my best.*



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In Loving Memory Of

Cheryl Charlene Red Bear **Wahca Ska Win "White Flower Woman"**

September 21, 1955
Old Cheyenne Agency, SD

February 27, 2025
Eagle Butte, SD

WAKE SERVICE:

6:00 p.m., Friday, March 7, 2025
CRST Bingo Hall - Eagle Butte, South Dakota

FUNERAL SERVICE:

10:00 a.m., Saturday, March 8, 2025
CRST Bingo Hall - Eagle Butte, South Dakota

OFFICIATING:

Mother Ellen Huber

TRADITIONAL SERVICES:

Steve Vance

MC:

Ivan Looking Horse

CASKET BEARERS:

Trey Schad, Jr. Laundreaux, Colton Red Bear,
Jonathan Little Wounded, Derek Yellow Owl Sr.,
Sheldon Red Bear, and Jake Frazier

HONORARY CASKET BEARERS:

All of Cheryl's Relatives and Friends
Monument Health Staff
IHS Inpatient Staff

DRUMS: Hihan Zi

All Musicians and Singers Welcome

BURIAL:

Eagle Butte Cemetery – Eagle Butte, South Dakota

Cheryl Red Bear, 69, of Eagle Butte, passed away Thursday, February 27, 2025, at Cheyenne River Health Center.

Cheryl Charlene Red Bear was born on September 21, 1955, to Manuel Sr. and Lillian Irene (Garter) Red Bear. She spent her early years in Thunder Butte, Bear Creek, and Dupree, before making her home in Eagle Butte, SD.

Cheryl attended Cheyenne River Boarding School throughout her elementary and high school years before earning her GED. She pursued higher education and achieved an associate's degree in business, and a bachelor's degree in business management.

Throughout her life, Cheryl held various roles, including working as a youth worker for Cheyenne River Housing and serving as a receptionist and secretary at Cheyenne River Community College. In addition, she took on numerous other jobs, such as cooking, serving, making regalia, beadwork, and teaching classes on culture, history, and women's indigenous life. She also contributed her time and talents to the local radio station. She ran a sewing business, Mato Luta Star Quilts, for many years and also wrote four children's books: *"Seven Lakota Values"*, *"Kheya"*, *"Lakho'ta Oo'waptaya"*, and *"Morning Star"*.

Cheryl was a proud descendant of Chief Sitting Bull and Chief Crazy Horse.

She is survived by her children: Iris Hill, (Twins) Dugan and Reagan Smith, and Chera Smith; grandchildren: Mariah, Jake, (Twins) Rocklyn and Rozlyn, Lennox, Harley, Gwendolyn "Gwen", Sara, Braylon, Angel, Bailey, Thomas, Tessa, Eveline, Trevor, Jaxson, Tucker, Chase, A'Leigh, Abrielle "Abby", and Tommy "TJ".; and her great-grandchildren: X'ander, Dylan, and Kendrick "KC".

She was preceded in death by her parents, Manuel and Irene Red Bear; son, Tommy Smith; grandson, Sam; brothers, Terrance and Jack Red Bear; her sisters, June and Joann Red Bear; and her grandparents, Henry Louise Red Bear and Moses and Amy Garter.

In Loving Memory *Cheryl Red Bear*

