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DON'T BE SAD

Don't be sad and lonely, Because I've gone away. Think about me only, When it's a brighter day. Don't waste your time crying, Since I'm no longer here. You have spent enough time, Showing me that you care. Wipe away your sadness, For tears won't bring relief. Cherish the memories. Forget about your grief. If I could be with you, That is where I would be, But I have no power, To change life's destiny. So try to be happy, Don't mourn your life away, For we'll be together, At the end of life's day.

In Laving Memory Of

Jennifer Amber Michals Wakpa Gawanang Waste Win

(Beautiful River Woman)

December 4, 1980 June 5, 2025 Eagle Butte, South Dakota Sioux Falls, South Dakota

WAKE SERVICE:

7:00 p.m., Thursday, June 12, 2025 Pierre Indian Learning Center ~ Pierre, South Dakota

FUNERAL SERVICE:

11:00 a.m., Friday, June 13, 2025 Pierre Indian Learning Center ~ Pierre, South Dakota

OFFICIATING:

Rev. Cheryl Arguello

CASKET BEARERS:

Mason Dupris, Paul Rouse III, Ponyboy Rouse, Rilei Gilbert, Sonny Rouse, and Angel Gilbert

MUSIC:

Jim Fallis and Family

BURIAL.

St. Paul's Episcopal Cemetery LaPlant, South Dakota

SPECIAL THANK YOU:

Kami Thompson, Shali & Traci Nickels, Renee Hall-Bear Stops, Veronica Morley, Leah Rouse, Rachel Bernie & Chuck LeClaire, Nurses & Staff at **Dougherty Hospice House (Sioux Falls)**

Jennifer Amber Nichols was born on December 4, 1980, at IHS Hospital in Eagle Butte, South Dakota, to Darlene Nichols. Her great-great-grandmother, Mary Bowker-Shaving, lovingly named her after her dear friend, Jenny Logg. Jennifer came into the world with blonde curly hair, blue eyes, and a chubby little smile. Times were tough, and her mother couldn't afford a stroller at first, so her uncles—Gibson, Jaime "Boo-Boo," and Jes—along with cousins, took turns carrying her everywhere.

During her early years, Jennifer's family moved to the Pierre area, where she attended Head Start and McKinley Elementary School. Later, they moved to Fort Thompson, where she continued her education at Crow Creek School in Stephan, proudly graduating from 6th grade. The family eventually returned to Pierre, where Jennifer remained through her teen years until she became a mother.

Jennifer was a dedicated and hard worker, known for her time in motel and hotel housekeeping and laundry. She was always ready to lend a hand and help anyone in need.

She was a proud and loving mother of four beautiful children, who meant the world to her. Though life brought its share of challenges, Jennifer's love for her children was constant and deeply rooted. She found joy in simple pleasures: playing bingo on her phone, walking by the river, and spending precious time with her grandchildren—Bre'Ella, Asa, and Kinsley.

Jennifer missed her baby sister, Jessica, dearly. Now they are reunited, and we take comfort in knowing they are together. Jennifer's love, laughter, and memory will remain with us always, until we meet again.

Jennifer is survived by her children: Kaden (Taylor) Nichols of Pierre, Klarence Nichols of Springfield, Kaitlyn and Kristyn Smith of Promise; mother: Darlene Nichols of Pierre; stepfather: Larry Gravatt of Ft. Thompson; sister: Holly Dupris of Ft. Pierre; great grandmother, Mabel Ann Eagle Hunter; nieces: Mary Schad of Pierre, Bryanne Longfox of Mitchell, Saraya, Jessica, and Dana Marie Rouse of Ft. Pierre; nephews: Mason Dupris, Ponyboy Rouse of Ft. Pierre, Paul Rouse III of Cheney, WA; grandchildren: Bradley, Damion, and Amelia Nichols of Pierre; Kinsley Nickels of Sioux Falls; Bre'Ella Sazue and Asa Fallis of Pierre; Anavey, Alaiyah, and TJ Carter of Mitchell; K. Quentin Dupris of Minnesota; uncle: Russell Zephier of Eagle Butte; aunt: Brenda Nichols of White Horse; aunt and uncle: Wendell and Wendy Phillips; cousins: Jacque Frost of Eagle Butte, Jae Paula Condon, Kourtine Gilbert and Angel Gilbert of Rapid City, Devin Phillips of Eagle Butte; and life-long friends: Shyleea Whiteman of Flandreau, Brent Whiteman of Pierre, Shad Whiteman of Sioux Falls.

She was preceded in death by her sister, Jessica Nichols; her brother, Waylon Nichols-Redwing; brother-in-law, Bryan Longfox; special friend, Penn "Stump" Williams III; grandmother, Lavina Phillips; grandparents, Helen and Elmer Nichols; great-great-grandmother, Mary Bowker-Shaving; and uncles: Jes Thompson, Jaime "Boo-Boo" Thompson, and Gibson Garreaux Jr.

Jennifer will be remembered for her kindness, her strength, and her deep love for family. She lives on in the hearts of those who loved her.

