



*The moment that you left us  
my heart was torn in two.  
One side filled with heartache,  
the other went with you.  
I often lie awake at night when  
the world is fast asleep and take  
a walk down memory lane,  
with tears running down my cheeks.  
Remembering you is easy,  
I do every minute of the day, but  
missing you is what breaks by heart,  
and the heartache that never goes away.  
I hold every memory of you so tightly  
within my heart and you will always  
remain until the day we meet again.  
We love you Mom, Grandma,  
Wife, Auntie, and Sister.*



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*In Loving Memory Of*

# *Mary Louise Dennis*

December 7, 1943  
Old Cheyenne Agency, South Dakota

September 26, 2025  
Rapid City, South Dakota

**WAKE SERVICE:** 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, October 1, 2025  
CRST Bingo Hall ~ Eagle Butte, South Dakota

**FUNERAL SERVICE:** 10:00 a.m., Thursday, October 2, 2025  
CRST Bingo Hall ~ Eagle Butte, South Dakota

**OFFICIATING:** Mary Dosch

**CASKET BEARERS:** Jesse Dennis, David Dennis, Mike Dennis,  
Roper Dennis, Weston Schad, Carl Kealy, Lane Kestler, Joe Martindale,  
John Schad Sr., Braxton Schad, and James Dennis

**HONORARY CASKET BEARERS:** Clarence PayPay & Family, Amos PayPay & Family, Harriet PayPay & Family, Nelson PayPay & Family, Dora Garcia & Family, Betty Pay Pay & Family, Harry (Deborah) Pay Pay & Family, Katie (Kelly) Jandreau & Family, Fred (Amanda) Pay Pay, Hazel (Jeff) Lazarus & Family, Robert (Anna) Dennis & Family, Nelson Pay Pay Jr., Theresa (Norman) Allen, Sara (Dennis) Popp, James & the late Mary Pat Eisenhower, Kevin Dennis, Sasha (James) Lyons & Family, Justin (April) Dennis & Family, Bella Meeter & Family, Latasha (Daniel) Bertalot & Family, Jim Meeter & Family, Dean Meeter, Ella Meeter & Family, Todd Two Hearts & Family, Emery Two Hearts & Family, Tammy Eagleman & Family, Jerry Eagleman & Family, Frankie Thompson & Family, Shoney PayPay, Terrance PayPay, Ralph (Laura) Schad, Corey Schad, Charles Schad, Christine PayPay, Marie Kelly, Raymond Kelly, Camille Hendrickson, Marie Long, Monte Briggs, Edson Briggs, Alicia Cowens, Alton Dennis, Marlene Schaeffer & Pete Knight, Amanda Weber, Heather & Brett Cuny, Pete Ducheneaux & Family, Joe & Angie LeBeau & Family, Jim (Sherry) Anderson & Family, Mclane Harrison, Lafayette Pay Pay & Family, Ariel Pay Pay & Family, Margaret Little Shield & Family, Jaymin (Brittani) Avrand & Family, Thomas (Casey) Reeves & Family, Steve Kost & Family, Lince Chasing Hawk & Family, Kathleen Sampson & Family, Kathy Rousseau, Arron Webb, Swimmer Family, Harvey Hawk Eagle, Red Fox Family, all Grandchildren and so many more loved ones.  
We apologize for anyone we didn't mention.

**DRUM GROUP:** Wakinyan Maza

**BURIAL:** Blackfoot Ascension Cemetery  
Black Foot, South Dakota



**Mary L. Dennis**, 81, of Eagle Butte, passed away Friday, September 26, 2025, at Monument Health, Rapid City.

Mary Louise Pay Pay was born December 7, 1943, at Old Cheyenne Agency, SD, to Fred and Christine (Pretty Bear) Pay Pay.

Mary and Doyle Dennis crossed paths on a “night out” in Lantry, SD. After a few months of dating, Doyle and Mary decided forever was in their future. They became man and wife on December 15, 1971. Together they had six wonderful children: Jesse, Christine, David, Rose, Melissa, and Michael.

During their life together Doyle and Mary lived in several places, including their ranch at Faith, SD, Eagle Butte, SD and many other places. In the course of this time, their first son, Jesse, was born. When they moved to Blackfoot, SD they had their first daughter, Christine. Soon after, David, Rose, Melissa, and Michael were all born and their family was complete.

Mary had several hobbies which she enjoyed. She loved her video games; from configuring levels of Super Mario World to collecting the rings in Sonic the Hedgehog. Amongst her favorite was the card game “500” and the dice games Yahtzee and “10,000”, in which she liked to cheat by changing people's dice to all “1’s”. She loved fishing with Doyle as she was his favorite right hand fishing partner.....although, she DID NOT like when the fish would bite. We also cannot forget how much Mary loved to dance to any and all old-time country music.

Mary had many wonderful characteristics. Filled with quiet strength and deep wisdom, her hands were rarely still. Constantly moving with purpose, from taking care of her children to making all her favorite soups. She taught her family endless values, many of which will continue to live on through her family. Above all, Mary was a devoted mother and proud grandmother. She lived an exceedingly full life with her loving husband and children by her side to the very end.

Mary's spirit will live on in the quiet rustle of the prairie grasses, in the sweet scent of lilacs on the breeze. She will live on forever in all of our cherished memories.

Mary is survived by her husband: Doyle J. Dennis; her children: Jesse (Kristan) Dennis of Eagle Butte, Christine (Joe) Martindale of Isabel, David (Melissa) Dennis of Eagle Butte, Rosie Dennis (Dale Erhart) of Eagle Butte, Melissa Dennis (John Schad Sr.) of Eagle Butte, and Michael Dennis (Nina Good House) of Eagle Butte; brother-in-law: James Dennis of Sheridan, WY; sisters-in-law: Teresa (Norman) Allen and Sarah (Dennis) Popp; grandchildren: Traci, Mercedes, Tichina (Tyler), Kristian (Andrew), Jessica (Klair), Shyanne (Ransom), Roper, Ryder, Lynette (Kyle), Charlotte, Lane, Stormi, Stetson, Michael, Samantha, Frank, Matthew, Carl, Theola, Teesha, Jody, Weston, Braxton, Marri, John Jr., Tyona, Jaecelle, Hayzlei, Dahlet, Ridge, Creighton, and Riggin; great grandchildren: Lillian, Emma, Lettie, Quentin, Chris, Dayson, Cairo, Jordy, Aryella, Lilly, Lilla, Dreyson, Monte, Tucker, John, Sonny, Theodore, Psalms, Jayse, Thomas, Sebastian, Raymond, Felisheana, Ka'Myra, Miranda, Elena, Juliana, and Jackson.

Welcoming Mary to the spirit world were her parents: Fred and Christine Pay Pay; sisters: Harry Ducheneaux, Betty Pay Pay, and Dora Garcia; brothers: Nelson, Clarence, and Amos Pay Pay; sisters-in-law: Rose Pay Pay, Mary Pat Isenhower, and Marlene Charger; brother-in-law, Kevin Dennis; and many other relatives.

She also loved Bianco White Jr., Par'es Holy Bear-Schad, Dominik Harrison, Sean Haines, and a big thank you to Bianco White Jr. for helping with the Dennis and Schad family prayers, songs, smudging, and keeping us in prayer.

