



In Loving Memory Of
Marlo Elizabeth Yellow Fox Smith
“Voestaa’e” (Old Woman)

May 4, 1984
Pierre, South Dakota

March 3, 2026
Bismarck, North Dakota

*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*

WAKE:

6:00 p.m., Sunday, March 15, 2026
St. John's Episcopal Church
Eagle Butte, South Dakota

FUNERAL SERVICE:

11:00 a.m., Monday, March 16, 2026
St. John's Episcopal Church
Eagle Butte, South Dakota

OFFICIATING:

Mother Ellen Huber
Deacon Iva Traversie
Shirley Dog Eagle

CASKET BEARERS:

Caspian Dupris, Lawrence Rousseau,
Ryun Bowker, Jace Knight,
Hunter Moran, and Emmual Swan III

HONORARY CASKET BEARERS:

Joan Upell
Myra Thunder Hawk
Sammi Cloud Eagle
Caitlin Turning Heart
Marie High Bear
Muriel Marshall
Adella Fourth Sorenson
Ashley Bauer
Dellarae Jensen

MUSIC:

All Musicians Welcome



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Marlo Elizabeth Yellow Fox Smith, known by her Northern Cheyenne name Voestaa'e "Old Woman," passed away on March 3, 2026, in Bismarck, North Dakota, at the age of 41. A proud descendant of the Two Kettle band of the Lakota and a 5th-generation direct descendant of Chief Four Bear, Marlo carried her heritage with grace, humility, and strength. Marlo is an enrolled member of the Northern Cheyenne tribe.

Born on May 14, 1984, in Pierre, South Dakota, Marlo was the daughter of the late Deanna Four Bear and Robert "Bobby" Charles Yellow Fox II. She was the middle child of her siblings, Moreau Four Bear Sr. and Mariah Yellow Fox. She attended grade school in Billings, Montana, and Rapid City, South Dakota, and graduated from Tiospaye Topa in LaPlant, South Dakota, in 2003. During high school, Marlo was a cheerleader, a dedicated member of the Lakota club, an active participant in the media club, and the yearbook editor. She also attended Journalism Camp at South Dakota State University, reflecting her early passion for multimedia.

Following high school, she attended SDSU in Brookings, South Dakota, majoring in Journalism. Marlo met Tommy Smith, and together, they built a family and welcomed three children. Marlo began her working life as a cashier at Lakota Thrifty Mart, where her reliability, warmth, and quick smile were widely known. She later moved to Bismarck, North Dakota with her husband to make a life for their family up until his death. She continued living in Bismarck, she welcomed her two youngest children, McKenzie and Ollie. Marlo worked in service-oriented work as a cashier, food server and manager. Her coworkers remember her as unfailingly kind, steady under pressure, and always willing to help. Friends were drawn to her positive attitude and resilience, and she was known for lifting others up with encouragement and humor.

Marlo had her struggles after losing her husband. The last two years she remained sober and completed multiple programs to better her life for her children.

Marlo's dedication to her family was constant and unwavering. She is survived by her children, Jaxlyn Smith, Tucker Mato Topa Smith, Chase Austin Smith, McKenzie Deanna Lapointe, and Charles Benjamin Lapointe; brothers, Old Man Yellow Fox III and Moreau Armstrong Four Bear Sr.; sister, Mariah Dawn Yellow Fox; and father, Robert "Bobby" Charles Yellow Fox II.

She is preceded in death by her mother, Deanna Marlene Four Bear, and her husband, Thomas "Tommy Gun" Smith.

Marlo's life was defined by love for her children and her generous spirit that made space for others. Her legacy will live on in the laughter of her children, the strength of her family, and the many lives she touched with kindness. Marlo always told her children that they healed her soul and were her whole world, and that she would always make sure they were okay.

