

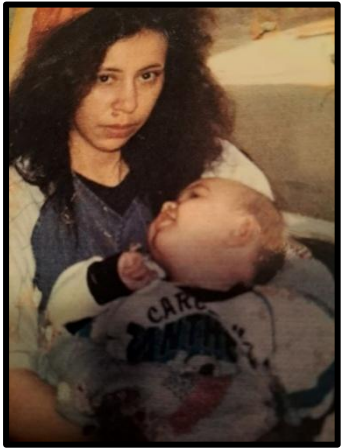
A Cowgirl's Prayer

*Oh Lord, I've never lived where churches grow.
I love creation better as it stood
That day you finished it so long ago
And looked upon your work and called it good.
I know that others find you in the light
That's sifted down through tinted windowpanes.
And yet I seem to feel you near tonight
In this dim, quiet starlight on the plains.*

*I thank you, Lord, that I am placed so well
That you have made my freedom so complete:
That I'm no slave to whistle, clock or bell,
Nor weak-eyed prisoner of wall and street.
Just let me live my life as I've begun
And give me work that's open to the sky;
Make me a pardoner of the wind and sun,
And I won't ask a life that's soft or high.*

*Let me be easy on the man that's down:
Let me be square and generous with all.
I'm careless sometimes, Lord, when I'm in town,
But never let'em say I'm mean or small
Make me as big and open as the plains.
As honest as the hawse between my knees,
Clean as the wind that blows behind the rains,
Free as the hawk that circles down the breeze!*

*Forgive me, Lord, if sometimes I forget.
You know about the reasons that are hid.
You understand the things that gall and fret:
You know me better than my mother did.
Just keep an eye on all that's done and said
And right me, sometimes, when I turn aside,
And guide me on the long, dim trail ahead
That stretches upward toward the Great Divide.*



In Loving Memory Of Mary Anne Burkett

"Tasunka Heyoyappi Wi"

(Woman Who Runs With The Horses)

December 12, 1966
Eagle Butte, South Dakota

April 7, 2026
Amarillo, Texas

WAKE SERVICE: 7:00 p.m., Monday, April 20, 2026
Red Scaffold Gym ~ Red Scaffold, South Dakota

FUNERAL SERVICE: 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, April 21, 2026
Red Scaffold Gym ~ Red Scaffold, South Dakota

OFFICIATING: Fr. John Paul Trask

TRADITIONAL SERVICES: Vernell Sitting Crow

CASKET BEARERS: Tristan Collins, Will Collins, John Broome,
Joseph Broome, James Bear Stops, Kevin Beaner, Gab Collins,
Josh Oakie, Dale Duchscherer, Dashana Oakie, Xavier Bear Stops,
Kanin Hiserote, Alleyah Hiserote, Shane Oakie,
Jon Hiserote, and Rueben Randall

HONORARY CASKET BEARERS: Dayne Collins & Family, Will Collins &
Family, Pauline & Shane Oakie Collins Family, Jon & Dee Hiserote Family,
Deja Alaniz Family, John & Stella Broome Family, Patricia Collins Family,
Ida Little Thunder & Family, Judy Johnson, Vernell Sitting Crow Family,
Lena Sitting Crow & Family, Harold and Geraldine Condon & Family, Lis
Oak & Family, Clark & Carmen Iron Hawk Family, Lori Lease, George &
Lisa Till & Family, Dorthy & Anthony Fischer & Family, Adelle Red Bull &
Family, Brian & Karen Charging Cloud, Kevin & Cheyenne Beaner, Sheila
Collins Family, Joe & Joni Brings Plenty, Willie & Dale Charging Cloud,
Mikki & Jeff Kelly, Rhonda Charging Cloud Family, Tattor Charging Cloud
Family, Buddy & Dolly Jo Knife & Family, Irini Iron Hawk Family,
Diane & Burtis White Wolf Family, and for all her friends
and families we may have forgotten

MUSIC: Drum Group: Walking Thunder
Vocalists: Ree Red Horse and Kenny J. Bull Head

BURIAL: Sacred Heart Catholic Cemetery
Red Scaffold, South Dakota



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Mary A. (Collins) Burkett, 59, of Panhandle, TX and formerly of Red Scaffold, SD, passed away Tuesday, April 7, 2026, at BSA Hospital, Amarillo, TX.

Mary Anne Collins was born December 12, 1966, in Eagle Butte, South Dakota, to Dwight and Phyllis (Red Bull) Collins. She attended Cheyenne-Eagle Butte School, graduating in 1986.

Mary continued her education at Black Hills State University and Montana State University before enlisting in the United States Navy in 1989. While serving, she was a second-class weapons technician, working with nuclear weapons. She was especially proud to have been one of eight women selected to help prove that women could serve on ships at sea. Mary was honorably discharged in 1993.

On April 4, 1991, Mary married Gregory Burkett. Together they welcomed one son, Jacob. In 2000, Mary was involved in a very serious accident, which left her disabled and unable to work.

In high school, Mary loved playing basketball and softball, and she continued to enjoy sports later in life, including volleyball. She also enjoyed researching her genealogy and volunteered her time helping with Catholic youth retreats. Mary was a wonderful wife, and mother. She was quick to smile and loved to talk and meet new people. She could outshoot most men at the Mountain Men Rendezvous. And loved to sit up with her sisters and tell scary stories.

Mary is survived by her husband, Gregory Burkett of Panhandle, Texas; her siblings: Pauline Collins, Delicia Hiserote, and Sheila Collins, all of Red Scaffold; David Collins of Sioux Falls; Williams Collins of Rapid City; and Stella Broome of Tennessee; as well as many nieces, nephews, and grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Dwight and Phyllis Collins; her son, Jacob; her grandparents, Matilda and Jacob Red Bull; and two brothers, Marlon Red Bull and Thomas Collins.

In Loving Memory



Mary Anne Burkett

1966 - 2026