

*In Loving Memory Of*  
**Catherine Jane Yellow Hawk**

December 20, 1953                      April 12, 2026  
Old Cheyenne Agency, South Dakota    Eagle Butte, South Dakota

**John 14:1-3**

*Let not your heart be troubled:*

*ye believe in God, believe also in Me.*

*In my Father's house are many mansions;*

*If it were not so, I would have told you.*

*I go to prepare a place for you.*

*And if I go and prepare a place for you,*

*I will come again and receive you unto myself;*

*That where I am, there you may be also.*

**FUNERAL SERVICE:**

10:00 a.m., Monday, April 20, 2026  
St. John's Episcopal Church  
Eagle Butte, South Dakota

**OFFICIATING:**

Mother Ellen Huber  
Deacon Iva Traversie  
Shirley Dog Eagle

**CASKET BEARERS:**

Aaron Runs After, Cash Runs After,  
RJ Lawrence, Wade Lawrence,  
Tyler Kennedy, and Katana Bartlett

**HONORARY CASKET BEARERS:**

Rose Pretty Weasel, Shirley Dog Eagle, Leo Rousseau Sr.,  
Walter & Judy Hanson, Emily Thompson, Nancy West Family, Sophie  
West Family, Joyce White Eyes Edwards, Deacon Iva Traversie,  
Arbana Thompson, Caroline Sands, Janine Bartlett,  
Mike Shaving, Norma Holly Bear, Kenny West Family, Mary West  
Miner, Johanna High Bear, Janice Mandan, Jess West,  
Dialysis Staff, CR Nutrition Staff, CR Manor Tenants,  
All family, friends, and relatives and for all who  
she loved and who loved her and anyone  
we may not have mentioned.

**MUSIC:**

Lakota Hymnal #120 "Amazing Grace"  
All Musicians and Singers Welcome

**BURIAL:** St. Paul's Episcopal Cemetery – LaPlant, South Dakota



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**Catherine Jane Yellow Hawk**, 72, of Eagle Butte, passed away Sunday, April 12, 2026, at her home in Eagle Butte.

Catherine was born December 20, 1953, at Old Cheyenne Agency, South Dakota, to Kenneth West Sr. and Vivian (Red Fox) Traversie. She was raised by her mother, Vivian, and her stepfather, Theodore Traversie.

Catherine began her education at Cheyenne Agency. In 1959, the agency was flooded, and all families were relocated to Eagle Butte, South Dakota, where she continued her schooling at Cheyenne-Eagle Butte School. She later attended boarding school at St. Joseph's Indian School and completed all four years of high school at St. Mary's School for Indian Girls in Springfield, South Dakota, graduating in 1972. She went on to attend Black Hills State University and the University of Southern California in Los Angeles, California. She also attended law school at the University of South Dakota in Vermillion.

In 1972, while living in Rapid City, South Dakota, Catherine experienced the great flood and was fortunate to survive. In 1974, she moved to Los Angeles, California, where she married and had five children: Mary Elizabeth, Eve, Luzanna, Hector, and Moses Soto. She later welcomed two additional children, George Felton and Otis Felton Jr.

Upon returning to South Dakota, Catherine held several jobs in the Pierre area. On October 18, 2021, she married Joseph Holy Bear Jr. Due to diabetes and other health complications, she began dialysis in 2024.

Catherine loved all of her grandchildren and cherished staying in touch with them through phone calls and Facebook, as they live in the Los Angeles, California area. She was a devoted fan of the Los Angeles Lakers, and her favorite colors were purple and yellow.

Catherine is survived by her husband, Joseph Holy Bear Jr.; children: Mary Elizabeth, Eve, Luzanna, and Hector Soto Jr., and Otis Felton Jr.; grandson, George Felton Jr.; sisters: Wanda Lind, Carol, Mary Ellen, and Connie Mae Traversie, all of Eagle Butte, and Sophia (Mark) Perttula, Sioux City, IA and Mary (Mike) Miner, Sioux Falls; brothers: William. T. Carter, Rapid City, Clayton E. Carter, Cortez, CO, Michael Red Fox, Rapid City, Loren and Gerald Traversie, Eagle Butte, Jess (Peggy) West, Crown Point, NM, and Kenneth (Linda) West Jr., Eagle Butte.

She was welcomed into heaven by her parents: Theodore and Vivian Traversie; biological father, Kenneth West Sr; grandparents: Frank Logg and Jennie (White Eyes) Logg; children: George Felton and Moses Soto; two sisters, Cindy Lou and Ruth Ann Traversie; and brother, Bernard Carter.

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