



LOVING MEMORIES

Your gentle face and patient smile
With sadness we recall
You had a kindly word for each
And died beloved by all.

The voice is mute and stilled the heart,
That loved us well and true,
Ah, bitter was the trial to part
From one so good as you.

You are not forgotten loved one
Nor will you ever be,
As long as life and memory last
We will remember thee.

We miss you now, our hearts are sore,
As time goes by we miss you more,
Your loving smile, your gentle face,
No one can fill your vacant place.



In Loving Memory Of

Suella Edna High Elk

March 23, 1949 May 4, 2026
Green Grass, South Dakota Green Grass, South Dakota

WAKE SERVICE: 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, May 12, 2026
Green Grass Community Building ~ Green Grass, South Dakota

FUNERAL SERVICE: 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, May 13, 2026
Green Grass Community Building ~ Green Grass, South Dakota

OFFICIATING: Doug Wilkinson and Helene Circle Eagle
Traditional: Ivan Looking Horse Sr., Joseph Brings Plenty,
Wolalota Chairman/Executive Proclamation

CASKET BEARERS: Roddy Village Center, Jacoby DeCory, Oscar High Elk,
Kiefer High Elk, David Frazier, Andrew Frazier, Lennie Dee Anderson,
Oray Frazier, Dacon Bald Eagle, Beau LeBeau, Royce Buffalo,
Zack Briggs, Chad High Elk

HONORARY CASKET BEARERS: Benita Cook, Cynthia Cook, Kit McCahren &
Kali Treetop, Nola High Elk & Gerard Thompson, Loris Mahto Maldoni,
Chris Martinez, Rebecca Romero, Hanna & Mike Barbosa, Adele White
Dog, Misti LeClaire, Cindy Marshall & Lester Vigg, Uma J. Wilkinson,
Peggy & Dick Gallipo, Shelly (Dog Eagle) Peterson family, Hilda & Dakota
Ramirez, Carolyn Randall, Joseph Lafferty family, Gerald High Elk family,
Paulette & Jack Buffalo family, Alvena High Elk family, Doretta Bowker
family, Charlene Four Bear family, Lisa Four Bear family, Izzy & Amber
Hernandez family, Trini & Chip Bird Necklace, Lorrie & Russell Price
family, Looking Horse family, Rhea & Steven Bruguier, Dugan Bad
Warrior, Tate Weidmer, John Mestes, Geraldine (Keith) Kennedy family,
Susie Payne, Violet (Holy) Catches, Susan Agard, Janice Larson, Jolene
Straight Head family, Donita (Allen) Miner, Fedelia Brown, Natasha
Frazier, Jami High Elk & Misty Herrera, Bev Rose Alta Hertel family,
Tyrone Marrowbone family, Cherie Farlee, Sam & Pat Montero, Buffalo
family, Howe family, Red Water family, Curley/West family, Bad Warrior
Tiospaye, High Elk Tiospaye, Straight Head Tiospaye,
MarrowBone Tiospaye, & Old Lyme Church

MUSIC: Jr. & Verdellia American Horse, All Musicians & Drums Welcome

BURIAL: High Elk Family Cemetery ~ Green Grass, South Dakota



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www.familyfuneralhome.net

Suella Edna High Elk was born March 23, 1949, to Silas Gabriel Sr. and Josephine (Straight Head) High Elk at home at the old homesite of the White Buffalo Calf Pipe in Green Grass, SD. She was raised in Green Grass alongside her 13 siblings, where she formed lifelong bonds with her large and loving family.

At the age of five, Suella began attending Green Grass Day School. She later attended Cheyenne Eagle Butte School and eventually earned her GED. Dedicated to education and lifelong learning, Suella continued her studies at Cheyenne River Community College, where she earned an Associate of Science degree in Office Administration in 1998. She furthered her education through Northern State University.

Suella was deeply committed to preserving and teaching Lakota language and culture. Alongside the late Paulette (High Elk) Swan, she helped develop the Lakota Language curriculum used by the Cheyenne Eagle Butte School in language bowls, leaving a lasting impact on generations of students.

Suella formed a close partnership with Lakota language teachers, acknowledging the close contributions, appreciation and recognition of Helene Eagle, Barbara Dupris, Murphy Runs After, Harry Little Thunder, Bernadine Little Thunder, Manny & Renee Iron Hawk, Freida Condon, Iris Eagle Chasing, Emmanuel Red Bear, Verdellia American Horse, Michael & LaValla Moore, Arbutus Steele, Keith Little Thunder, Glenda Thunder Hoop, Rosalie Roach, Ivan Looking Horse, Sr., Paula Antoine, Vivian High Elk, Betty (High Elk) Skaroupka, and the Sitting Bull College Summer Institute staff.

Other Lakota Language Professors who predeceased her are: Marilyn Circle Eagle, Darlene Red Bear, Paulette (High Elk) Swan, Kenny Little Thunder, Matt Iron Hawk, Dewey Bad Warrior, Dave West Sr., Delores Taken Alive, Gabe Black Moon, Tom Red Bird, Hilda Marshall, Sandra Black Bear, Marge Edwards, Narcelle Widow, Stephanie Charging Eagle.

Staff at CEB with whom Suella enjoyed a cordial friendship were Florine Larson, Jessie Mendoza, Margie Uses The Knife, Toni (Bridwell) Buffalo, Patti Decory, Kevin White Bull, Emily Lawrence, Susie Dillabaugh.

Above all, Suella was devoted to her family. She lovingly took in and raised her grandchildren, Kayla Ree Howe, Sierra Red Water, and Roddy Village Center, as her own children, providing them with guidance, love, and support throughout their lives.

Suella is survived by her children: Crescenthia Renee High Elk (Gil Walking Elk), Rhonda Frazier (Buck Scouts The Enemy), Jesse Four Bear (Sandy Valenzuda), Billie Jo High Elk/Condon, and Frances Montero; grandchildren: Oscar (Mona) High Elk; Kayla (Zach) and Earle Howe; Hyven, Sierra, Cheyenne, and Chance Red Water; Lisa (Daxton) Gallipo; Oray (Maya), Andrew (Lyric), Michelle (Tryan), Eva, and Jesse (Dacon) Frazier; Angel, Nina, and Luz Montero; Orlando and Serina Bridwell; Roddy and Ashanti Village Center; Jolletta and Silas Condon; Ariana and Victoria Four Bear; Selena Martinez, and David (Kelly) Frazier; great-grandchildren: Lenni Anderson, Wicahpi Briggs, Rayson, Rae'Lyn, Oceti, and Josephine High Elk; Olivia and Mila Gallipo; Orya and Raven Frazier; James and Mildred Pearman; Mila and Lilah Martinez; Andre High Bear and Sharon Howe; siblings: Arlee High Elk, Salina (Adrian) High Elk, Vivian High Elk, Elnora High Elk, Betty (Petr) High Elk/Skaroupka, Mary (Dean) High Elk/Lopez, and Silas High Elk Jr.; hunka sisters: Irene LeChuga, Alice LeClaire, Bernadine Little Thunder, Lynn Provost, DeAnna Provost, and Joy Circle Eagle; hunka brothers: Dan and Dave Danforth; treasured aunties: Alvera High Elk, Goldie Stroup, Mona Fisher, Doris Red Bird; niece, Caroline (Diz) High Elk; and special niece, Melanie Buffalo.

She was preceded in death by her parents; siblings: Emery, Cresynthia LaVora, James Sr., Twila, and Carol Jean High Elk; and nieces and nephews: Lavora, Tara, James Jr., Kelly, Brittany, and Jonathan High Elk, Angel Mestes, Ashley LeBeau, and Christopher C. LeBeau.

We thank the CRST Law Enforcement, Dewey County Coroners Service, IHS, CRST, Ivan Looking Horse, Luce Funeral Home and Green Grass Community Building.

