

In Loving Memory Of **Annabelle Catherine LaClaire**

October 31, 1941

Eagle Butte, South Dakota

June 11, 2026

Cloquet, Minnesota

FUNERAL SERVICE: 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, June 16, 2026
CRST Bingo Hall ~ Eagle Butte, South Dakota

OFFICIATING: Fr. Francis Nwakile
Traditional: Ivan Looking Horse

CASKET BEARERS: Sam Lebeau, Najin Frazier,
Pierre LeClaire, Hunter LeClaire, Lance Frazier,
Kiyone Little Wounded, Chantley Miller, Sage Fast Wolf,
Justin Janise Jr., Dana LaClaire

HONORARY CASKET BEARERS: Pearlie Kirby & family, Joan Provost & family, Marilyn Medina & family, Marlys Swimmer & family, Sharon Good House & family, Hale family, Janice Mandan, Eldora Black Eagle & family, Alberta Brown-Thunder-Danley & family, Lindelle High Bear & family, Delmar & Beverly Clown & family, Sharon Dupris & family, Lavae (Hermus) Redhorse, Jo Beth Dupris & family, Circle Eagle family, Morrison family, Jeannie Archambault & family, Jean Gutierrez & family, Elizabeth Lopez & family, Arlene Demery & family, Wanda Burris & family, Chaz Legore & family, Ron Rock & family, Conni Legore, Douglas Widow & family, Will Dixon, and the Talks family, Darcey St. John, Rose & Amaya St. John, Terri Ojibway & family, Carla Marshall & family, Jim Marshall & family, Washburn family, Knight family, Long Brake family, Dupris family (Cherry Creek), Dupris family (Iron Lightning), Marylou Cyrde & family, Tara Dupuis & family, Wayne Dupuis & family, Joey LeGarde, Veaux family, Eagle Horse family, Elk Eagle family, Hunt family, Afraid of Hawk family, Blue Arm family, Flying By family, White Feather family, Serano family, Benita Clark & family, Deloris & Keith Curley & family, Tessa Creek & family, the Mathew Miller family, Cyrus Sloan, Terri & Chris Balaski, Virginia Miller & family, Audrey Martinson, and the entire Miller family in Wisconsin. We, the family, want to thank you for all your support during this time of our great loss, and we deeply apologize to anyone we may have forgotten to mention. Thank you.

MUSIC: All Drum Groups and Singers Welcome

BURIAL: St. Joseph's Catholic Cemetery ~ Cherry Creek, South Dakota

One night a man had a dream. He dreamed he was walking along the beach with the Lord. Across the sky flashed scenes from his life. For each scene he noticed two sets of footprints in the sand: one belonging to him, and the other to the Lord. When the last scene of his life flashed before him, he looked back at the footprints in the sand. He noticed that many times along the path of his life there was only one set of footprints. He also noticed that it happened at the very lowest and saddest times in his life. This really bothered him and he questioned the Lord about it: "Lord, you said that once I decided to follow you, you'd walk with me all the way. But I have noticed that during the most troublesome times in my life, there is only one set of footprints. I don't understand why when I needed you most you would leave me,"



The Lord replied, "My son, my precious child, I LOVE YOU and I would never leave you. During your times of trial and suffering when you see only one set of footprints.

It was then that I carried you."



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Annabelle Catherine LaClaire "Tháté Win" (Windy Woman) began her journey home June 11, 2026, at Diamond Willows in Cloquet, MN.

She was born October 31, 1941, at Cheyenne Agency to Vincent and Margarete Creek-LaClaire. She grew up in Cherry Creek, Greenwood, and outside Eagle Butte at the home of her grandpa, Tom Creek. She attended and graduated the 8th grade at St. Joseph Catholic School in Chamberlin S.D. She went to the relocation program in Chicago IL and earned her CNA certification. Throughout her lifetime she would hold a variety of jobs, from CNA to supervisor at Dupree Manor, to supervisor of the youth program in Dupree S.D. She also worked for the BIA as a school cook in Eagle Butte.

She found time to volunteer doing office work for a non-profit organization in Duluth. She also volunteered to help at the Sandstone Federal Prison through a program by UMD to help Native American inmates. She also volunteered through the "results" organization to lobby in Washington DC.

She was married twice in her lifetime and had nine children: Rick, Aileen, Andi, Renee, Mike, Sharon, Carl, Wanda, and Heather.

After leaving Chicago, and briefly returning to CRST for a few years, she then made Duluth, MN her final home. She enjoyed visiting friends, playing cards, going to the casino, doing crossword puzzles, watching tv shows such as Little House on Prairie, Golden Girls, Dr. Quinn Medicine Woman and anything "Madea".

She had great love for her grandchildren, and she would do anything for them. She also had nieces, nephews, and other relatives who held a special place in her heart: Will LaClaire, Misti LaClaire, Berdi LaClaire, Pierre LaClaire, Melda LeClaire, Dana LaClaire, Perry LaClaire, Jenae and Brinley, Thaden, Jared, Alice Charmagne, Cyarah Condon & family and too many to keep individually mentioning.

She loved visiting, teasing and joking. She loved to just have a conversation or to talk about "the way things used to be". She would talk about who we were related to and how we were related. She believed in the Lakota way of life and came back every summer for the Sundance.

To know her was to know she was generous. She would give her last dollar. She could not pass by a homeless person without helping them.

Annabelle is survived by her brothers: Vincent "Pee-Wee" (Alta) LeClaire, Gordon "Shorty" Condon; sisters, Bernice Condon, June Condon and families; children: Rick White, Aileen Stanley, Andi Rensch, Renee (Steve) LaClaire, Mike (Myonghui) Miller, Sharon Miller, Carl Miller, Heather LaClaire; grandchildren: Kristan (Jess) Dennis, Kaitlyn (Cody) Miller, Marissa (Travis) Miller, Michelle (John) Miller, Sage Dakota Fast Wolf, Jodelle (Julissa Parkhurst Jackson) LaClaire, Jocelyn (Sam) Sayers, Jaylee Sayers, Michael (Jenna) Sayers, Josie Sayers, Taylor (Cruz) Clown, Chantly Miller, Anpo Wicahpi Miller, Hunter LeClaire, Kiyone (Maddy) Little Wounded, Karyn Diver, Kinley Diver, Kyle Diver, Keniaen Diver; great grandchildren: Taliyah, Tayanna, Harper, Onyx, Mary, Veda, Nyleah, Ryder, Khaleesi, Kha'Layah. There are many relatives that held a special place in her heart, too many to name individually. Just know she loved you all!

She is preceded in death by parents, Vincent and Margarete Creek-LaClaire; brothers: Bernard (Gladys) LaClaire, Leroy (Victoria) LaClaire, Melvin (Madaline) LeClaire, Edward "Eddie" LaClaire, Pierre LeClaire, Mike Condon Sr.; sisters, Alice LeClaire, Karen Mandan, Marie Mestes; daughter and son-in-law, Wanda (Mike) Sayers; grandchildren: Brandi Clown, Vincent Miller and Jorayna Condon; a friend who was like family, Marilyn Circle Eagle; and many other close relatives.

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Annabelle LaClaire

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