



Don't think of me as gone away
 My journey's just begun
 Life holds so many facets
 This earth is but one
 Just think of me as resting
 From the sorrows and the tears
 In a place of warmth and comfort
 Where there are no days and years
 Think of how I must be wishing
 That you could know today
 How nothing but your sadness
 Can really go away
 And think of me as living
 In the hearts of those I touched
 For nothing loved is ever lost
 And I know I was loved so much

In Loving Memory *Estherline Marlene Thompson*

September 16, 1937 June 29, 2026
 Old Cheyenne Agency, South Dakota Eagle Butte, South Dakota

WAKE SERVICE:

7:00 p.m., Thursday, July 9, 2026
 All Saints Catholic Church ~ Eagle Butte, South Dakota

FUNERAL SERVICE:

11:00 a.m., Friday, July 10, 2026
 All Saints Catholic Church ~ Eagle Butte, South Dakota

OFFICIATING: Fr. John Paul Trask

CASKET BEARERS:

Louden Garreau, Quentin Jeffries, Chris Jeffries, Brody Garreau,
 Bernard Collins, Thane Jeffries, Shawn Benson, Jordan Thompson

HONORARY CASKET BEARERS:

Joyce Mulloy, Marne Lamb, Gary & Tudee Rousseau, Bob & Arliss
 Keckler, Kenny & Susie Traversie, Danielle Williams, Mike & Jeni
 Walters, Paul Thomas, Richard & Lisa Lawrence, Bill & Margaret
 Gunville, Peggy Jo McLaughlin, Ina Lebeau, Wayne & Toni Garreau,
 Julie Garreau, Robyn Garreau, Marsha & Tom Vrooman, Carol & Harley
 Morgan, Bob & Rita Carlson, Allen Ducheneaux, Henry & Willie
 Ducheneaux, Ann Marie & Josh Ducheneaux, Cathey Ducheneaux, Troy
 Clausen, Sherrie Red Elk, Norma Holy Bear, Rebecca Laplante, Darshan
 Carter, Teton Ducheneaux, Deb Arbogast, Jaycen Jade Dolphus, Cheryl
 Lecompte, Chelsea White Eyes, Dr. Upell and all of her nieces, nephews,
 relatives, and friends whose kindness, prayers, and support meant so much
 during her final days. Esther's family extends their heartfelt gratitude to
 the staff of West Wind Home Health, Indian Health Service
 Emergency Room and Inpatient Staff.

DRUMS: Bad Bear Drum Group and All Singers Welcome

BURIAL: Timber Lake Cemetery
 Timber Lake, South Dakota

Esther Thompson was born on September 16, 1937, at the Old Agency on the Cheyenne River to Antoine Sydney Lebeau and Katherine Cecelia Livermont Lebeau. She grew up along the Moreau River with her brothers and sisters, creating lifelong memories rooted in family and community.

After graduating in 1954, Esther attended the School of Commerce in Aberdeen before returning home to work at the Old Agency.

Esther and her first husband, Edward "Posse" Garreau, were blessed with three children: Coty, Roland, and Pam. Together they owned and operated 212 Liquor and a café by day, bar by night. During those years, Esther also provided transportation services throughout the Cheyenne River Reservation and was a longtime employee of the Housing Authority.

After the unexpected loss of her husband Esther later found love with Richard "Dick" Thompson. The two married and spent many happy years traveling together with their beloved dog, Max, and their cat, 212. After Dick's retirement, they returned home to Eagle Butte.

Esther had a personality that could light up any room. She was known for her unmistakable style—you rarely saw her without her nails and makeup done, her hair perfectly fixed, oversized sunglasses, and her favorite purse. She almost always had a Marlboro Light in one hand and a Cherry Coke close by. Her confidence, humor, and generosity made her unforgettable.

Above all else, Esther loved her family. Her greatest joy came from spending time with her grandchildren, Loudon, Stevie, Taylor, Justice and later on Brody and her great-grandchildren, Quentin, Christopher, Arya, Betti, Lucy, Charlotte, & Scarlotte, and numerous nieces, nephews, relatives, and many dear friends. She leaves behind a legacy of strength, laughter, resilience, and unconditional love that will continue through generations.

Esther is survived by her sisters: Lila Ladue & Caroline Thorsen; children: Coty Garreau (Pepper Ann), Roland Garreau (Kris), and Pam Garreau; stepdaughter, Regina Hintzman; grandchildren: Loudon Garreau, Stevie Fulls Garreau, Taylor Lawrence, Justice Garreau, Brody Cole Garreau, & Jordan Thompson; great-grandchildren: Quentin Jeffries, Christopher Jeffries, Arya Garreau, Betti Jai' Rose Lawrence, Lucy West, Charlotte Knife, and Scarlett Knife; along with numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Antoine Sydney Lebeau and Katherine Cecelia Livermont Lebeau; her first husband, Edward "Posse" Garreau; & her second husband, Richard "Dick" Thompson; brother, Melvin Lebeau; sisters: Caroline Lebeau, Charlotte Conn, Darlene King, Amelia "Mimi" Laplante, Antoinette "Toni" Claymore, and Pauline Ducheneaux; stepsons, Jeffrey Thompson and Jake Thompson; great-granddaughter, Vidiona Tai' Moni Merene Sand; and many other beloved family members.

"Esther your love, strength, laughter, and beautiful spirit will live on in the hearts of all who knew and loved you. You will be deeply missed and forever remembered."

