Marlene Little Star, 76, of Red Scaffold, passed away Tuesday, October 13, 2026, at Cheyenne River Health Center, Eagle Butte.

Marlene was born on July 20, 1950, to Stanley and Charlotte (Garfield) Metcalf at Old Agency in Red Scaffold, South Dakota. She grew up in the Red Scaffold area and attended St. Joseph Indian School in Chamberlain, South Dakota, through the 11th grade. She was included in the Class of 1969 graduation ceremony.

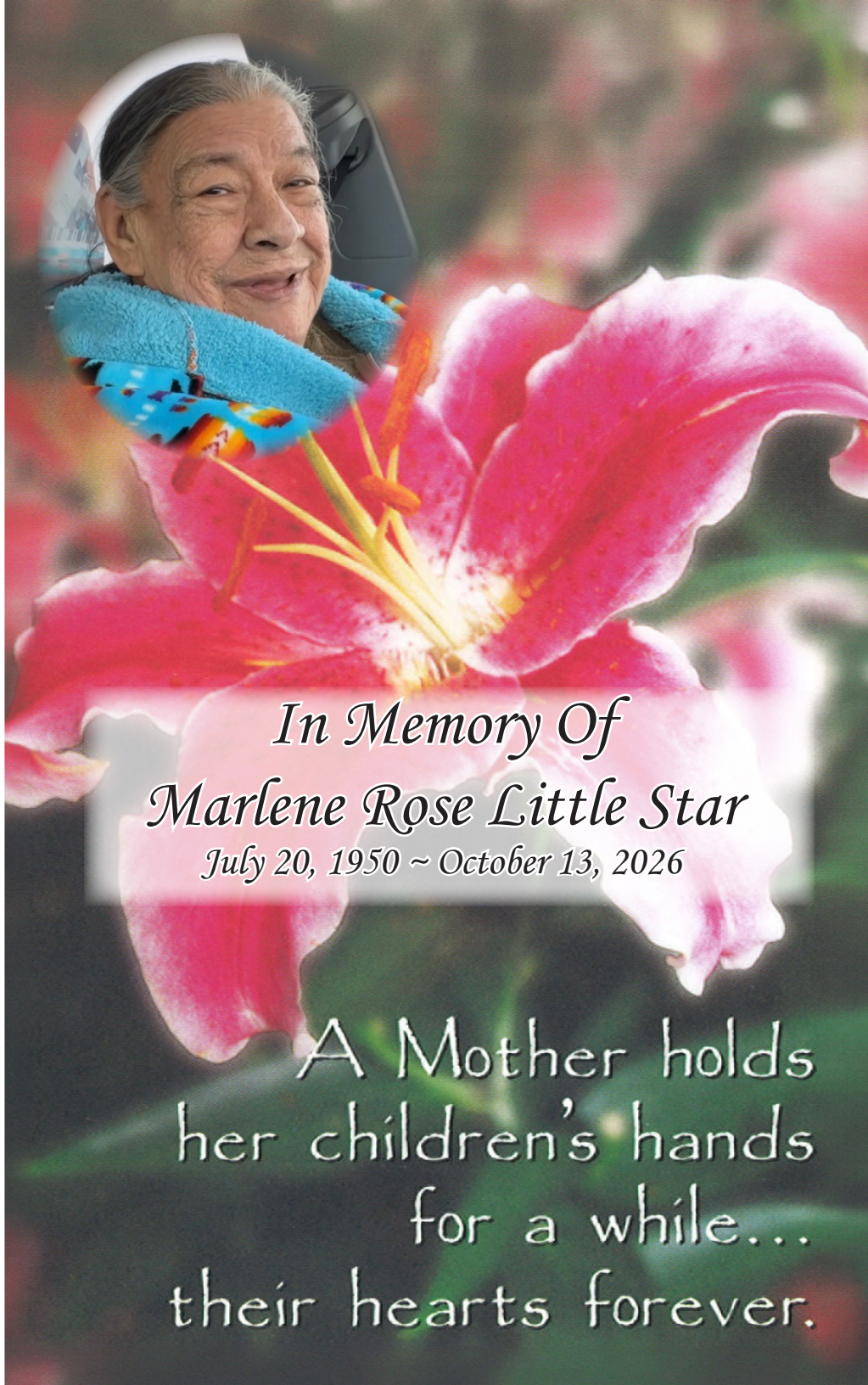
At the age of 18, Marlene married her best friend, Howard Phillip Little Star Sr. Shortly after their marriage, Howard Sr. enlisted in the United States Navy. Following his service, the family moved to Eagle Butte, South Dakota, where they lived for more than 25 years. During that time, Marlene and Howard Sr. welcomed five children: three sons, Howard Jr., Travis, and her baby boy, Sidney Benjamin, and two daughters, MaryLou and Cheri Ann.

Marlene later moved to Bismarck, North Dakota, where she attended culinary school at United Tribes Technical College. She and her family eventually returned to Eagle Butte, where she remained. Marlene spent much of her time at home with her family, serving as the heart of the home and caring for those she loved. She also lovingly raised three of her grandchildren: Joseph, Randie, and Ava Jai Little Star.

Marlene enjoyed cooking, taking evening drives with her son, listening to powwow music, and, most of all, spending time with her family.

Marlene's life will be remembered by her children: Sid Little Star (Cassandra) & (Brooklyn) of Eagle Butte, SD, Howard Little Star (Carla) of Eagle Butte, SD, Travis (Mary & Ian) Little Star of Dupree, SD, Cheri Little Star of Eagle Butte, SD; grandchildren: Randie & Baby A Little Star of Savannah, GA, Joseph (Jayleigh) Little Star of Swiftbird, SD, Tacoma Little Star of Eagle Butte, SD; sister, Laura High Bear of Dupree, SD; 18 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren and tiny man.

She is preceded in death by her parents: Stanley & Charlotte Metcalf; brothers: Stanley Jr and Donald Wayne Metcalf; daughter; MaryLou Little Star; granddaughters: Angel and Jessica Bear Eagle; and her family dogs: Chépa and Bella Bean.



To Those I Love And Those Who Love Me

When I am gone, release me, let me go,
I have many things to see and do
You mustn't tie yourself to me with tears.
Be happy that we had so many years.

I gave to you my love. You can only guess
How much you gave me in happiness
I thank you for the love you each have shown
But now it's time I traveled on alone.

So grieve a while for me, if grieve you must;
Then let your grief be comforted by trust.
It's only for a time that we must part,
So bless the memories that lie within your heart.

I won't be far away, for life goes on.
So if you need me call and I will come
Though you can't see me or touch me I'll be near.
And if you listen with your heart you will hear
All of my love around you soft and clear.



And then, when you come this way alone….
I'll greet you with a smile and say
"WELCOME HOME"

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In Memory of

Marlene Rose Little Star

Sina Sa Win (Red Shawl Woman)

July 20, 1950
Old Cheyenne Agency, South Dakota

October 13, 2026
Eagle Butte, South Dakota

Wake Service
7:00 p.m., Thursday, October 22, 2026
Red Scaffold Gym
Red Scaffold, South Dakota

Funeral Service
11:00 a.m., Friday, October 23, 2026
Red Scaffold Gym
Red Scaffold, South Dakota

Clergy
Chug & Karen Garreau

Casketbearers
Joseph Little Star, Justin Little Star, Dustin Little Star
Tacoma Little Star, Tyler Little Star, Gabriel Little Star & Ian Hawk Jr.

Honorary Casketbearers
Delema Butcher & Family, Willie Charging Cloud & Family
Dale Iron Lightning & Family, Jaymalee Turning Heart & Family
Chug & Karen Garreau, Brings Plenty Family, Bowker Family
Valerie Curley & Family, Clarice Miner & Family
Many Family & Friends in Red Scaffold, Eagle Butte and California

Drum Group
All Are Welcome

Burial
UCC Congregational Cemetery
Bridger, South Dakota