



*God saw she was getting tired  
And a cure was not to be,  
So He put His arms around her  
And whispered "Come with me."*

*With tearful eyes  
We watched her suffer  
And saw her fade away  
Although we loved her dearly,  
We would not make her stay.*

*A golden heart stopped beating,  
Hard working hands to rest.  
God broke our hearts to prove to us  
He only takes the best.*

*In Loving Memory*

## *Debra Jo St. John*

October 12, 1957  
Pierre, South Dakota

August 26, 2011  
Rapid City, South Dakota

### **WAKE SERVICE**

7:00 p.m., Sunday, August 28, 2011  
St. Catherine's Catholic Church  
Big Bend, South Dakota

### **FUNERAL SERVICE**

10:00 a.m., Monday, August 29, 2011  
St. Catherine's Catholic Church  
Big Bend, South Dakota

### **OFFICIATING**

Father Hendricks  
Father Dean  
Father Vincent

### **CASKETBEARERS**

Richard Coleman	Joshua Coleman	Johny Coleman
Kyle Kirkie	Wyatt St. John	Travis Walz

### **INTERMENT**

St. John Family Cemetery  
Big Bend, South Dakota

*Arrangements Entrusted To*



Highmore, South Dakota  
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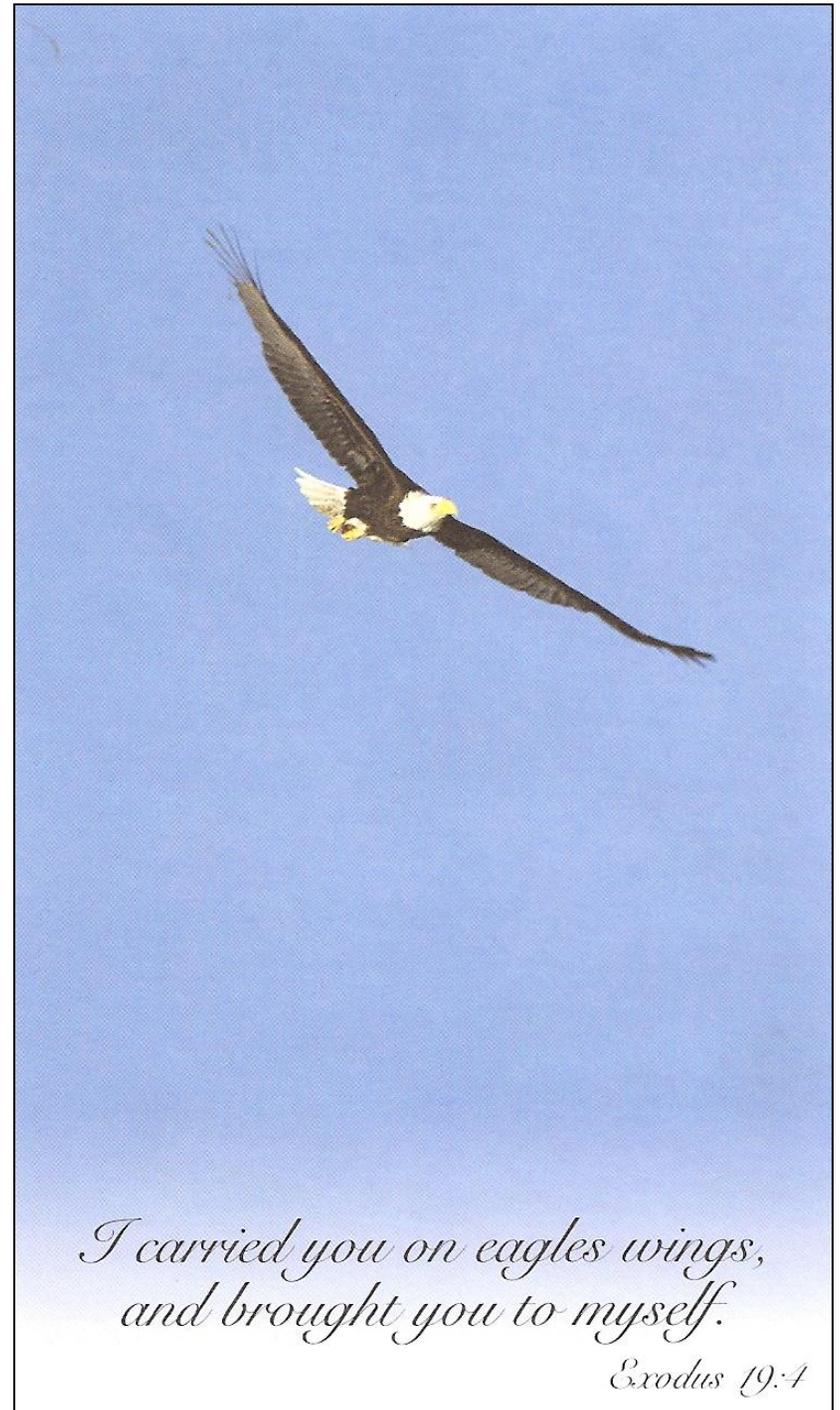
*Debra Jo St. John, 53, of Rapid City, passed away Friday, August 26, 2011 at the Rapid City Regional Hospital after a long illness.*

*Debra was born October 12, 1957 in Pierre, SD to Miles Pete and Doris (Heuer) St. John. She attended grade school in Pierre and later attended college at Black Hills State University and Aberdeen Northern State College; graduating with an accounting degree. She worked various jobs throughout the state of South Dakota; Job Services, United Sioux Tribes, Legal Secretary, and H&R Block. She was very skilled in Native American beadwork/artwork and has made various items for museums some which still can be seen in Pierre and Murdo and with friends, and family. Her portrait was taken at the request of Job Service of South Dakota pamphlet to promote a college education. In 1983, she was offered a position in Washington D.C. with the Department of Labor.*

*The best highlights of her last years were spending time with her grandchildren.*

*Debra is survived by two daughters, Chila Bowles and Chenoa Bowles Russel of Ohio; four sons: Wade Bowles, Richard Coleman, Joshua Coleman, Johny Coleman, all of Lower Brule; six grandchildren: Ja' Kai, Orrianna, Joshua II, Preston, Naiomi, Veronica; four sisters: Bernice Walz of Sioux Falls, Arlene Black Bird of Eagle Butte, Dawn Palmer of Belle Fourche, and Crystal St. John of Sioux Falls; one brother, Duane St. John of Big Bend; a very special friend Jeff Brueger of Rapid City and many nieces, nephews, aunts, and uncles*

*She was preceded in death by brother Tek (Miles P. St. John Jr.) and son, Jerad Quilt.*



*I carried you on eagles wings,  
and brought you to myself.*

*Exodus 19:4*