



*If Tears Can Build
A Stairway*

*If tears could build a stairway
and memories were a lane,
we would walk right
up to heaven
and bring you back again.
No farewell words were spoken,
no time to say goodbye,
you were gone before we knew it*

and only God knows why.

*Our hearts still ache in sadness
and secret tears still flow.*

*What it meant to lose you
no one will ever know.*

*But now we know you want us,
to mourn for you no more,
to remember all the happy times,
life still has much in store.*

*Since you'll never be forgotten,
we pledge to you today,
a hallowed place
within our hearts*

is where you'll always stay.

In Loving Memory

Irene Grace Middletent

January 9, 1947
Pierre, South Dakota

March 9, 2012
Aberdeen, South Dakota

WAKE SERVICE

8:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 14, 2012
Christ Episcopal Church
Fort Thompson, South Dakota

FUNERAL SERVICE

1:00 p.m., Thursday, March 15, 2012
Christ Episcopal Church
Fort Thompson, South Dakota

OFFICIATING

Mother Liz Powers – Father Kim Fonder – Ken Reed

CASKETBEARERS

Weldon Middletent Victor Middletent
Thomas Middletent Dennis Wounded Knee
Anthony Medicine Crow Louie Middletent

HONORARY CASKETBEARERS

Barbara Harrison Rose Joyce Flood
Lulu Fisherman Barbara Surna
Marilyn Grey Cloud Cody White Mouse
Katie Goodlow Marlene Gun Shows
Werdna Wounded Knee

ORGANIST

Roland St. John

INTERMENT

All Saints Episcopal Cemetery
Fort Thompson, South Dakota

Irene Grace Middletent, 65, of Fort Thompson, journeyed to the spirit world Friday, March 9, 2012 at the Aberdeen Health and Rehab, Aberdeen, SD.

Irene Grace was born January 9, 1947 in Pierre, South Dakota to Ernest and Adeline (Red Day) Middletent. Her early years were spent in Big Bend where she attended elementary school and later the family moved to Fort Thompson, South Dakota where she attended school and later attended Flandreau Indian School.

Irene enjoyed quilting and putting puzzles together. She spent most of her life in Fort Thompson. Because of failing health, she entered the Beverly Healthcare Center in Pierre, transferred to Sanford Healthcare Center in Chamberlain and later Sanford Health in Sioux Falls.

Grateful to have shared in her life are her siblings: Donald Middletent, Gary Middletent, David Middletent, Winifred Middletent and Caroline Middletent; three sons: Allen Middletent, Sheldon Middletent and Weldon Middletent; one daughter, Georgett Dillon; five grandchildren: Daniel Middletent, Tia Middletent, Drayk Dillon, Justin Middletent and Nikita Dillon; and many nieces and nephews.

Greeting her in the Spirit World along are her paternal grandparents, John and Kate (Little Dog) Middletent; maternal grandparents, Treon and Emma (Fast Walker) Red Day; parents, Ernest, Sr. and Adeline (Red Day) Middletent; three brothers: Jack, Stanford and Victor; and three sisters: Ernestine, Victorine and Ruth.

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1947 - 2012

Arrangements Entrusted To



Highmore, South Dakota
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