

# *Legacy* OF *Love*

A wife, a mother, a grandma too,  
This is the legacy we have from you.  
You **TAUGHT US LOVE** and how to fight,  
You gave us strength, you gave us might.  
A stronger person would be hard to find,  
And in your heart, you were **ALWAYS KIND**.  
You fought for us all in one way or another,  
Not just as a wife not just as a mother.  
For all us you gave your best,  
Now the time has come for you to rest.  
So go in peace, you've earned your sleep,  
Your love in our hearts, we'll  
*Eternally Keep.*



In Loving Memory of  
Jennifer Marie Big Eagle  
February 19<sup>th</sup>, 1979 – April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2026

Jennifer Big Eagle, 47, of Big Bend, passed away Thursday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2026, at the Flandreau Santee Sioux Care Center, Flandreau, SD.

Funeral mass will be 11:00 a.m., Monday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026, at St. Catherine's Hall, Big Bend, SD, with Father Floribert Bulo, SCJ. Burial will follow at Howe Cemetery, Big Bend, SD. Wake services will be at 7:00 p.m., Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2026, and Sunday, May 3, 2026, at the church hall.

Jennifer Marie Big Eagle was born on February 19, 1979, in Pierre, SD, to Lyman "Brad" Big Eagle and Naomi Chapman. She was the baby of Brad and Naomi until two younger siblings, Lila and Brad, came along, bringing their family to twelve, ten children, two parents.

Jennifer attended Head Start in Big Bend, SD; Elementary Kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> grade in Harrold, SD; and completed 7<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade at Crow Creek Tribal Schools, class of 1997.

During the summer of 97', she stayed with Laura Rojas to help her with babysitting, also with Shannon Lafferty and her family, before moving home. Jennifer was strong, independent, loving, kind, and nurturing, always willing to help those who needed. She loved spending time with friends & family, especially attending rodeos, powwows, and athletic events her children participated in.

She will be greatly missed by her three children: Hunter, Rylee, and Travis; brothers: Alvin Chapman, James Big Eagle, Dale Red Water, Lonnie Big Eagle, and Brad Big Eagle; sisters: Mary Jo Red Water, Joanne St. John, Lila Red Tomahawk-Kirke, and Cheyenne Red Water; many nieces and nephews; and lots of grandkids.

Preceded in death by father, Lyman "Brad" Big Eagle; mother: Naomi Chapman; brothers: Kevin Chapman and Robert Red Water; sister: Teresa Big Eagle; grandma, Nelda Lambie; grandparents: Lyman and Arlene Big Eagle; aunts and uncles too numerous to mention.

## Funeral Services

Monday, May 4, 2026

11:00 am

St. Catherine's Hall  
Reverend Floribert Bulo Dhelo, SCJ

## Wake Services

May 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2026

7:00 pm

## Burial

Howe Family Cemetery

## Casket Bearers

Hunter Big Eagle  
Jace Kirkie  
Kyle Red Water  
Travis Howe

Josiah Kirkie  
Brad Big Eagle  
Alvin Chapman  
Dale Red Water

## Honorary Pallbearers

All family and friends close to her too numerous to mention.

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Jennifer will be dearly missed and fondly remembered by all who knew her.

Luze Funeral Home of Highmore has been entrusted with Jennifer's arrangements.