

# *Linda Sedlmajer*

Linda Rae Balfany Sedlmajer passed away on Sunday, March 5, 2017, at the Hospice of the Hills in Rapid City, SD.

She was born May 31, 1949, to the late Edward Ferdinand Balfany and Julia Irene (Fallis) Balfany and lived most of her life on the Rosebud Reservation. She was the baby of the family and grew up surrounded by her older brothers and sisters: Leon “Fred” Balfany, Judy (Balfany) Till, Mary (Balfany) Brandis, Edward Balfany, Betty Planka, Cliff Brave, and Charles Brave.

Linda graduated from Todd County High School in 1967 and received a BA from Sinte Gleska University (SGU).

Linda began her career as a bookkeeper and business manager at the Rosebud Hospital and Dakota Plains Legal Services. She also started a siding business that she owned and operated for many years. However, upon her graduation from SGU, she achieved her life-long goal and became a teacher who was passionate about making a difference in the lives of the students she so lovingly served. She taught at Shannon County School District, Todd County School District, and St. Francis Indian School where her students remember her as a kind, fair and caring teacher and friend.

Upon retirement from teaching, Linda especially enjoyed riding her motorcycle and being a part of the Sicangu Drifters Motorcycle Club. Always a “people person”, she loved spending time with her friends, riding in poker runs, touring the Black Hills and Badlands or simply riding her bike close to home.

Linda is survived by her son, Robert Sedlmajer and grandchildren Bobbie Jo (Sedlmajer) Koch and her husband Kyle Koch, J’Shon Sedlmajer, and Aebrie Waugh; her nephew, who she often called her son, Dale Fallis; numerous nieces and nephews and a host of friends from all walks of life. She was preceded in death by her parents and 3 brothers, Leon Balfany and Cliff and Charles Brave.



*In Loving Memory of*

***Linda***



#### Biker's Prayer

60 miles an hour with the wind in my face  
hands up on the grips and my feet up on the pegs  
going down the road for a ride somewhere  
before I get too far, I say a biker's prayer

won't you watch over me while I'm riding today  
send me down an angel to keep me steady on my way  
cause you know that I'm not perfect  
I'm in need of some salvation  
in the meantime let me ride in peace  
through this beautiful creation

my women sits behind me, high up in her queen's chair  
one arm around my waist, one hand going through my hair  
the peaceful countryside is filling up our senses  
and the rhythm of the ride it makes my soul break through the fences

for me it's not about the chrome, the leather, or the steel  
It's all about connection to something beautiful and real  
when you're balanced on two wheels ridin' gentle sounds of thunder  
rollin' past the fields in this spell that I'm under

won't you watch over me

cause I've gone down so many roads where I never should have gone  
and I've done so many things that I never should have done  
but every mile that I've ridden. I'd ride 'em all again  
cause I live to ride and ride to live at peace with what I am

-Bill Ferrell

Arrangements By  
**Holmes Funeral Home ~ Valentine, NE**  
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In Celebration Of Life

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May 31, 1949 ~ March 5, 2017

#### Services

SGU Multipurpose Building in Mission, SD

Wake: Thursday - March 9, 2017

Funeral: Friday - March 10, 2017 @ 11:00 AM

#### Officiant

Pastor Rob Burnham

*Traditional Prayers by Dave Espinoza*

*Drum Group: Little Echo*

#### Linda's Friends

Karen Hauff ~ Margo Heinert ~ Donna Falcon

Darlene Geboe ~ Patsy Ann Valandra

Anna Almore ~ Steve Fuentes ~ Heath Whiting

Bryan Herman ~ Laura Comstock ~ Ray Stewart

Eugene 'Blue' Black Bear ~ Charles Brave, III

Darwin Bordeaux ~ Brenda Herman ~ Bernard Herman

Elizabeth Hardy ~ Monty Burnette ~ Rocky Richards

Robert 'Robby' Burnette ~ Gary Wickham

Charles 'Pete' Peterson

Linda's Students from Shannon Co. School District,  
Todd Co. School District & St. Francis Indian School

The Sicangu Drifters Motorcycle Club

The Sicangu Oyate Kola's Fantasy Football League

The San Francisco 49ers

**Laid to Rest with her family at a later date**

Evergreen Cemetery, Wood, SD