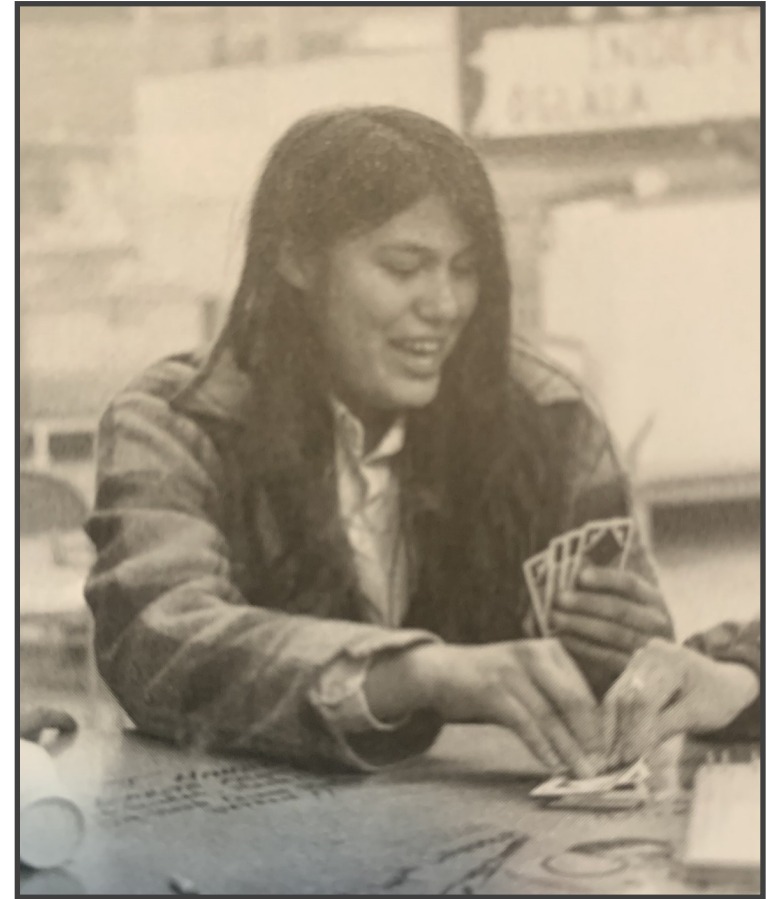


Marianne Ruth DeCora 68 Passed away In Rosebud South Dakota among loved ones family and friends Thursday on September 14, 2023.

Marianne was born in Sioux City, Iowa February 12, 1955. Daughter of Duwayne DeCora and Lilian Lebeau. She is the youngest of 3 sisters, including Loreli DeCora and Cheryl Painter of Winnebago, Nebraska. Marianne was raised among the Indigenous community of Sioux City Iowa. Marianne enjoyed her family, friends and granddaughters. She was an active member of the American Indian Movement and she believed in her Lakota Life ways. Marianne was a wounded knee veteran as she spent most of her life helping our indigenous people heal and recover from intergenerational trauma, murder, theft, rape, failed assimilation and genocide. She was also a Sundancer and pipe carrier, as she believed wholeheartedly in our Lakota Life ways. Marianne loved to travel mother earth and enjoy new destinations to learn about other Indigenous cultures. She loved art, music, gardening, learning, and she was a very talented artist and known for all of her beautiful beadwork. She was there to help people and was always willing to be a good relative. Marianne was into traditional medicines and healing herbs as she was always willing to share this knowledge with all of her family and friends.

Marianne graduated from Sinte Gleska University with a bachelor's degree in Mental health and Human Services. She later completed her Master degree in Science in counseling and human resource development with a minor in School counseling. Marianne taught at Sinte Gleska University and worked various jobs, all focusing on helping people to heal.

Marianne is survived by Her Mahasani and life-long partner Burdette Collins Clifford; Kevin Hoch DeCora, her oldest son.; her grandchildren: Charlee Ann Witt, Jenaya DeCora, Kimimila DeCora, Caylani Medearis, Caileanna Medearis; her great grandchildren Kobe Karter Lee and Kyre Curry Newborough. Also her cat TUFFY and all other nieces and nephews whom she loved very very much.



In Loving Memory Of

Marianne

Feb. 12, 1955 ~ Sept. 14, 2023

I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free,
I'm following the path God has laid for me;
I took His hand when I heard Him call,
I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day,
To laugh, to love, to work, to play;
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I found that peace at the close of day.

If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it with remembered joy;
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Oh, yes, these things I too will miss!
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow;
My life's been full, I've savored much,
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief;
Lift up your hearts and peace to thee,
God wanted me now...He set me free!

Arrangements By
Holmes Funeral Home ~ Valentine, NE
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In Celebration of the Life of

Marianne Ruth DeCora

Wiyaka Awayanka Win

'Takes care of the feathers woman'

Services

Bishop Harold Jones Building in Mission, SD

Wake: Monday (9-18-23) 7pm AIM rollcall, Service & Meal

Wake: Tuesday (9-19-23) 4pm Service, Final Viewing & Meal

HoChunk Center in Winnebago, NE

Wake: Wednesday (9-20-23) 7pm Service & Meal

Funeral: Thursday (9-21-23) 4:30pm Service, Viewing & Meal

Sunset Burial: Rave Cemetery in Winnebago, NE

Traditional Prayers: Jerome LeBeau

Pallbearers

Biagio Arobba

Robert Kelly

Mark Tilsen

Melvin Staples

Damon Leader Charge

Dennis Cuny

Honorary Bearers

Larry Redwing ~ Freddy Davis ~ Cathy Fredricks

Becky and Dan Foster ~ Ruth Harper

Marianne Left Hand Bull ~ Ned Metcalf ~ Lessert Moore

All members of the American Indian Movement and all friends and co-workers who had the opportunity to work with her.