

Afterglow

I'd like the memory of me
To be a happy one,
I'd like to leave an afterglow
Of smiles when life is done.
I'd like to leave an echo
Whispering softly down the ways,
Of happy times and laughing times
And bright and sunny days.
I'd like the tears of those who grieve,
To dry before the sun.
Of happy memories that I leave
When life is done.



“A GRANDMOTHER’S LOVE”

As children, we can't comprehend or fully realize the meaning of a grandmother's love. How wise she is, how much patience she has, or how much guidance she gives us by her example and by her helpful caring ways. Years go by before we know and understand the depth of her concern and the love in her protectiveness. But as we mature we do finally understand and we can look back and see through older eyes and wiser hearts her unconditional love, devotion, and family loyalty. It's these many other things that make us realize how lucky we have been and how lucky we are to have this amazing woman-our grandmother- as the centered root of strength and love in our life.

In Loving Memory Celebrating a Beautiful Life Jennifer Katherine Piro

BEGAN HER EARTHLY JOURNEY

Monday, May 2, 1960

Devils Lake, North Dakota

BEGAN HER SACRED JOURNEY HOME

Wednesday, September 27, 2023

Sioux Falls, South Dakota

VISITATION AND TIME OF REMEMBRANCE

Gilbertson Funeral Home Chapel

Devils Lake, North Dakota

Friday, October 6, 2023 beginning at 5:00 p.m.

MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL

St. Michael's Catholic Church

St. Michael, North Dakota

Saturday, October 7, 2023 ~ 10:30 a.m.

CELEBRANT

Reverend Paul Schuster

DRUM GROUPS

*All Drummers and Singers are welcome
to share their songs in memory of Kathy*

ACTIVE PALLBEARERS

Felipe Mendoza Jr. ~ Travis "Sam" BlackBird

Thomas DeMarce ~ George DeMarce

Monae Mendoza ~ Shakira Meade

HONORLARY BEARERS

All of Kathy's Beloved Family and Dear Friends



Remembering the beautiful life of....



Jennifer Katherine (Meade) Piro 63 of Sioux Falls, SD passed away on Wednesday, September 27, 2023 at Avera McKennan Hospital in Sioux Falls in the loving care of family after a short battle with an aggressive form of esophageal cancer.

Jennifer Katherine, precious daughter of Benedict Aloysius Meade and Rita Mae DeMarce was born on May 2, 1960 in Devils Lake. Kathy grew up in the Woodlake area and attended Warwick Public School.

She later met the love of her life, Larry MacDowell. They would then spend the next 30 years traveling over the Midwest with their job in the hotel industry, beginning in Fargo, ND for a number of years. They then moved on to Sioux Falls, South Dakota where they settled and made it their home.

Larry was the loved of her life and they devoted their lives to each other, enjoying life, traveling and different sceneries, although they loved the country life.

Kathy was a well-respected housekeeper for years and loved her job. She also loved playing BINGO, garage sales, puzzle books. She enjoyed her down-time and loved her TV shows. She also enjoyed riding bike on beautiful sunny days. She always tried to stay active and young. She was a free spirit and loved life. She will be greatly missed.

The loving family that survive include her common law husband Lawrence MacDowell of Sioux Falls; children Chrystal Meade Leftbear, Candida Lorraine Meade (Donna Duran), Angel Denise Johnson and Dennis Richard Meade; adopted daughters Amanda Leftbear Jerome and Racann Leftbear Jerome; grandchildren Shakira Katherine Rae Meade, Felipe Mendoza Jr., Monae Soledad Mendoza, Brielle Jaden Ramirez, Yvonna Ann Jackson, Jacenya Carol Jackson, Travis Samuel BlackBird, Cole Andrew Jackson, Leilani Meade, Evan TwoBears, Kaiden TwoBears, Nathan Azure Jr., Jordyn Johnson, Thalia LaVallie Meade, Franklin Meade, Talin Redfox, Taniya Redfox, Taley Redfox, Teagan Redfox, Ian Dogskin, Sophia Dogskin, Hansome BirdHorse, Wesley BirdHorse Jr., Weston BirdHorse, Delante McKay and Zurayah McKay; great grandchildren Ezekiel, Izayah, Léown, Kamiah, Santana, Armondo, Lorraine, Malayah, Mylah, Namoni Storm, Mileah and Azariah; sisters Marilyn Meade Hanson and Arlene Meade Neer; many dear nieces, nephews, cousins and their families.

Those who went before her include her parents Benedict and Rita, brother Geroge DeMarce and sisters Yvonne Meade Guy and Barbara Ann Meade and beloved aunts, uncles and grandparents.



KATHY MEADE PIRO