



***“Let your children be as so many flowers, borrowed from God. If the flowers die or wither, thank God for a summer loan of them.”***

***The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want;  
He makes me lie down in green pastures.  
He leads me beside still waters; He restores my soul.  
He leads me in paths of righteousness for His name’s sake.  
Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I fear no evil; for You are with me;  
Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.  
You prepare a table before me In the presence of my enemies;  
You anoint my head with oil: My cup runs over.  
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life;  
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.***

***Forever In Our Hearts  
Loving Mother, Daughter, Sister,  
Granddaughter, Aunt, Niece,  
Cousin, Soul Mate, Dear Friend***

***Cassandra Leigh  
McDonald***

**BEGAN HER EARTHLY JOURNEY**

*Saturday, July 16, 1988*

*Devils Lake, North Dakota*

**BEGAN HER SACRED JOURNEY HOME**

*Friday, November 10, 2023*

*Fargo, North Dakota*

**VISITATION AND PRAYER SERVICE**

*Gilbertson Funeral Home Chapel*

*Devils Lake, North Dakota*

*Tuesday, November 14, 2023 ~ 7:00 p.m.*

**MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL**

*Seven Dolors Catholic Church*

*Fort Totten, North Dakota*

*Wednesday, November 14, 2023 ~ 11:00 a.m.*

*Final Review at 10:00 a.m.*

**CELEBRANT**

*Reverend Antony Samy*

**DRUM GROUPS AND SINGERS**

*Neal Hale ~ Lake Region Singers*

*Cankdeska Cikana Community College Drummers*

*All Drum Groups are welcome to share*

*their songs in memory of Cassie*

**ACTIVE PALLBEARERS**

*Harry Hopkins III ~ PJ Lohnes*

*Chauncey Hopkins ~ Russ McDonald*

*Jason Allery ~ Dalton Matheny*

*Monte Fassett ~ Michael White Thunder*

**LAID TO REST**

*St. Jerome’s Catholic Cemetery*

*Crow Hill, North Dakota*

**HONORARY BEARERS**

*Laci Blackbull*

*Lisa Fix*

*Mariah Mindt*

*Amanda Mindt*

*Mary Mindt*

*Rayone “Cissy” Sherman*

*Kathy Ska*

*Milly Fox*

*Charris Thomas*

*Jody Touche*

*Viola Waanatan*

*Hattie Turcotte*

*Antonette Sailor*

*Amanda Anderson*

*Baby Girl “Robby McKay”*

*Chelsea Betz*

*Cassandra Charboneau*

*Zachery “Zach” SittingCrow*

*Erica Charboneau*

*Belinda Murphy*

*A very special thank you to Devils Lake Guardian Flight, Reverend Anthony Cruz and Reverend Kevin Lorsung.*

*Please know we tried to think of all of Cassie’s friends, if we forgot someone, we are sorry.*

*Please join us for the feed and giveaway at Cankdeska Cikana Community College following the burial.*

### *Remembering the precious life of ...*

Cassandra "Cassie" Leigh McDonald, beloved Daughter, Mother, and Friend, passed away peacefully on Friday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at Sanford Hospital in Fargo, ND. She was surrounded in love by her Mom Evie, Sisters Angela, Heather and Nellie, Brother Damian; Aunts Swadeau, Molly, Aggie, Nola, Grandma Dinah, and Father Kevin Lorsung.

Cassie was born on July 16th, 1988 to Evie McDonald in Devils Lake, ND. She grew up on the Spirit Lake Reservation and spent time living in Bismarck and Dickinson, ND as well. Cassie received her GED in 2008 and also obtained her AA in Liberal Arts in 2022 from Cankdeska Cikana Community College. She worked for Sioux Manufacturing, Spirit Lake Head Start and various positions in the Lake Region Area.

On June 27, 2008, Cassie welcomed her first son, Daylen George Long Feather. In 2013, she met the love of her life, Chance Sailor and together they welcomed Casen Matthew Sailor and Easten Roy Sailor. She loved her three sons with her whole heart and soul.

Cassie was a loving, kind, intelligent, well-mannered, feisty and fun-loving individual. She would help anyone in need, and was very easy to talk to. Everyone and anyone could come to her and she'd be the listening ear with no judgement. She discovered her ability to do landscaping and also enjoyed doing craft activities with her Cricut she received for Christmas.

Cassie was a strong individual. She had many hardships in her short life. Even with the struggles she faced, she never stopped being her wonderful self, always full of love, full of life and having a smile on her face.

Cassie is survived by those who loved her more than she ever knew: Mother: Evie McDonald, Sons: Daylen, Casen, and Easten. Boyfriend Chance Sailor. Brothers: Damian Blackbird, Carlos Lopez III, Monte Herman, and Robin Herman; Sisters: Angela Belgarde, Heather Belgarde, Nelvette Lopez, Candy Herman Wretling, and Holly Herman Blacksmith; Nephews: Benjamin Sitting Crow and Honor Belgarde; Nieces: Alistandra "Ali" and Fayja Blackbird, Genevieve and Gwendolyn Lopez, Kamilla Allery. Aunts: Nola Lopez, Shirley Culbertson, Swadeau Halsey, Francine McDonald, Ardell Blueshield, Molly McDonald, Myra DuBois, Fran McDonald, Agnes Cavanaugh, Cecelia Cavanaugh, Denise Trotter Gage, Wanda White Trotter; Uncles: Carlos Lopez, Jr., Terry Halsey, Leander "Russ" McDonald, Clayton "Stubby" DuBois, Mervel McDonald, Conrad Cavanaugh, Wayne Trotter, Jr., David Trotter, and Darren Trotter; Grandfather Deacon Tony McDonald and Grandmother Dinah Aceveda.

Cassie is united with loved ones gone before her: Father: Robert "Bob" Herman, Sr.; Grandmothers: Sandra McDonald, Kathleen Cavanaugh, Adeline White Thunder McDonald Trotter, Vina McDonald, Flora Culbertson; Grandfathers: Richard Jetty, George McDonald, Demus McDonald, Tim Cavanaugh, Wayne Trotter, Sr., William Herman and Pierre Culbertson; Uncles: Joe Herman and Dan Herman; Aunts: Deanna Trotter, Claudette Cottenwood, Adeline Cavanaugh, Marceline St. Pierre, Estelle Hennager, Patty Shaw, and Linda Herman; Brothers: Robert Herman, Jr. and William Herman; Nephew: Galvin Demus White Thunder-Belgarde; Godparents: Mike McDonald and Patty Jackson Robertson. Step-dad: Donnie Belgarde, Sr.; Special Poppa to her children, Dewey Blackbird, Best Friends: Lindsey White and DaNielle Lawrence.

# *Cassie McDonald*

*7-16-88 to 11-10-23*



*Mni Mnahcehceca Ska Yuhan Mani Win  
'Woman Who Carries White Water Lily'*