

***Joyce HighElk, 76, of White Earth, MN,
passed away at her home on Sunday,
February 14, 2021.***

Joyce Marie Hanks was born on March 20, 1944, in White Earth, MN, to George and Audrey (Bellanger) Hanks. She graduated from Waubun High School. Joyce earned her associate degree from Haskell Institute in Lawrence, KS.

Joyce was united in marriage to Roderick HighElk in 1968 in Becker County, MN. Joyce worked for the White Earth Tribal Council as a Property Procurement Manager for over 37 years. Joyce was also on the White Earth Council of Elders for many years. She enjoyed bar bingo, rummage sales, going out to eat, and spending time with family.

Joyce is survived by her daughters Audra(Joe) Tonihka of Ogema, MN, and Autumn HighElk of White Earth, MN; grandchildren Sequoyah, Adrianna, Quannah, Danielle, Justina, Nathan, and Justin Jr; great grandchildren Navionna, and Baby Bear; siblings Darlene Hanks, Donna Mae Hanks, Barbara Hanks, Patricia Hanks, and Peter Hanks.

Preceding Joyce in death are her husband Roderick HighElk; parents George and Audrey Hanks; siblings Marvin Hanks, Sherald Hanks, Clifford Hanks, Dennis Hanks, Gloria Grandbois, and Dale Hanks.

*Celebrating
the Life of*



Joyce Marie HighElk

We Can't Believe You're Gone

Mom, our sadness knows no end;
We can't believe you're gone;
We're grieving for you every day;
It's hard to carry on.

You were always there to support and care,
When we needed a true friend,
How we'll ever do without our Mom,
We cannot comprehend.

You were our teacher and our guide,
Our Mom, so good and strong;
Your example will sustain us now,
And last our whole lives long.

We're trying to communicate;
We hope that you can hear;
Expressing what we feel for you,
Helps us feel you're near.

Our memories of the times we had
Help the pain to go away.
But Mom, our lives won't be the same;
We'll miss you every day.

A part of us went with you;
You left a gap too big to fill;
You're our Mom and our hero;
We love you and we always will.

By: Joanna Fuchs
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In Loving Memory of

Joyce Marie High Elk



*Born to Life on
Earth*

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March 20, 1944
White Earth
Minnesota

*Born to Life
Eternal*

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Mass of Christian Burial

Thursday, February 18, 2021 - 11:00 AM

St Benedicts Catholic Church

White Earth, Minnesota

Father John Cox O.M.I., *Celebrant*

Bruce Engbretson, *Accompanist*

Spring Interment

Calvary Cemetery
Ogema, Minnesota

