

Remembering With Love



**Mary
Tollefson**





Remembering the beautiful life of...

Mary Gertrude (Redfox) Tollefson who was born on September 2, 1978 and began her journey home to Heaven on Wednesday, February 28, 2024 at CHI, St. Alexius Health, Devils Lake Hospital.

Mary Gertrude was born in New Rockford, ND on September 2, 1978. She grew up with her mother Alberta Redfox and Douglas “Chuck” Longie who she took as her Dad. She was raised in the Woodlake area most of her life. Growing up Mary spent a lot of time with her brothers (Redfox Boys), where she then met the love of her life, John Tollefson II. They married in the year of 1996, December 13th. They knew they wanted to start a family and were the proud parents of Felicity, Hailey, John III, Sydney, Shelby, McKinley, and Kinsley.

She enjoyed going on family trips, bringing her children and grandchildren any where to have fun. Mary loved cooking and baking. Her favorite was making homemade pizza and spaghetti. She loved jamming out; her favorite music was old classic rock and she absolutely loved George Strait.

Mary spent everyday with her kids and grandbabies. She would always try her hardest for them. She loved making dresses for her daughters and quilting.

Our hearts hurt, but we know she is in a better place with her late daughter Hailey Pearl.

Mary’s loving family left to grieve her death. Her husband John Tollefson II; daughters Felicity, Sydney, Shelby, Kinsley, and McKinley and her only son John III; mother Alberta Redfox; father Chuck Longie; siblings and their precious families, Steven Redfox Sr., Clarence Longie, Wade Longie, Damian Greene, Amy HolyWing and girls and Jodie Longie (Brian Morken); aunts Sharon Georgeson, Geraldine Redfox, Bonnie Leftbear, and Mona Leftbear; uncles Louie Garcia and Clarence Leftbear Sr.; mother-in-law and father-in-law John and Marva Tollefson; very special niece Brooke Redfox; grandchildren Durrani, Milah, King, Tearza, Carter Jo, Aspen, Andreza, JoLynn, Logan, Tobias, Quinn, Ariya, Jarrod Jr., Ryder, Jax, Dominic, Josiah, Gabby and Jayasha; godchildren Seth Dumarce and Tashina Redfox, and many, many dear cousins

She follows to the Spirit World: her daughter Hailey Pearl; nieces April Dawn Tollefson and Genesis Azure; nephews Drew Longie, Jonathan Tikayne Jr., Cleveland Ironheart, Michael Meade, Trevor McDonald and Jeff Leftbear; cousins Jeremy Redfox, Klo Lyn Redfox, Archie Adam, Marion Redfox, Michaelle Redfox (Pretty Girl) Jolene Littlewind, and Jonathan Tikayne Sr.; aunties and uncles Hilda Garcia, Joan Redfox, Annie Redfox, Kay Redfox, CoCo Redfox, Archie Redfox Sr. and Melvin Gene Paul; maternal father Willard Leftbear.

Tribute To Our Mother

God gives us all someone when He puts us on this earth.

That someone is a mother, His instrument of birth.

As long as we remember, she’s been there by our side.

To understand and listen, to council and to guide.

*She led us through our childhood with tender loving care
and anytime we needed her, she was always there.*

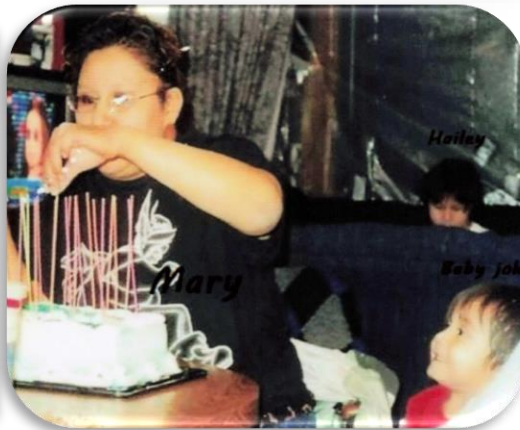
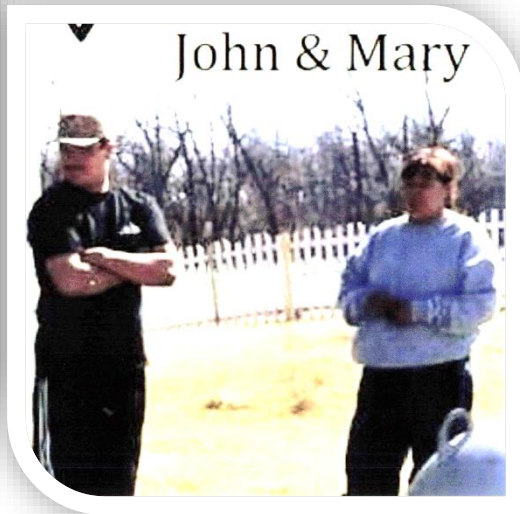
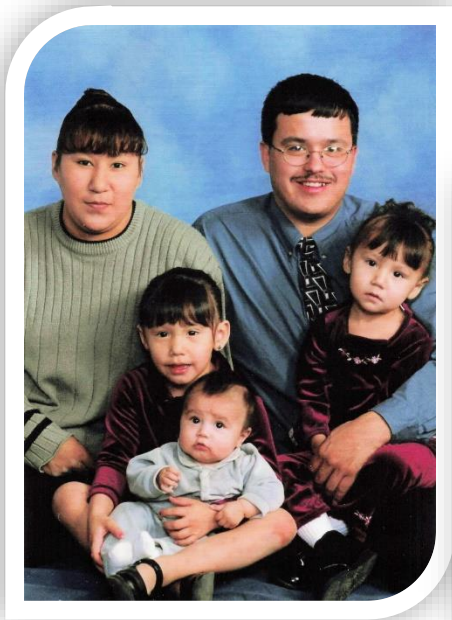
*She helped us through our darkest hours,
and brought us to new light.*

And when despair was in our eyes, she gave us new sight.

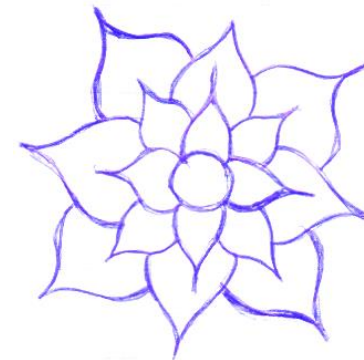
*She showered us with many gifts, and it’s so plain to see,
the love she gave cannot be matched, in all eternity.*

For many faults and vices, we blame ourselves, no other.

*But for the virtues we may have,
we thank our loving Mother.*



God saw that she was getting tired
 And a cure was not to be,
 So He put His arms around her,
 And whispered, "Come with Me."
 With tearful eyes we watched her
 Suffer and fade away.
 Although we loved her dearly,
 We could not make her stay.
 A golden heart stopped beating,
 Hard working hands put to rest.
 God broke our hearts to prove to us
 He only takes the best



Today

*My body no longer tired, no longer sore.
 Today is the day I suffer no more.
 Do not worry for me, today worrying ends.
 I live through love of family and love of friends.
 So hold in your heart this memory of mine.
 The rain will pass and the sun will shine.
 For this life that we live will surely fade,
 With problems we've faced and plans that we've made.
 And when the gates of Heaven call,
 Keep in mind; love survives us all.*



Forever Loved, Forever In Our Hearts
Our Most Precious Wife, Mother, Grandmother,
Daughter, Sister, Niece, Aunt, Cousin, and Child of God

Mary Gertrude Tollefson

“Tate Mahed Mani”

(Walking In The Wind)

BEGAN HER EARTHLY JOURNEY

Saturday, September 2, 1978

New Rockford, North Dakota

BEGAN HER JOURNEY TO HER ETERNAL HOME

Wednesday, February 28, 2024

Devils Lake, North Dakota

PRAYER SERVICE AND TIME OF REMEMBRANCE

Bdecan Presbyterian Church

Rural Tokio, North Dakota

Thursday, March 7, 2024 beginning at 5:00 p.m.

Prayer Service at 7:00 p.m.

FUNERAL SERVICE

Bdecan Presbyterian Church

Friday, March 8, 2024 ~ 10:00 a.m.

OFFICIANT

Pastor Paul Young

SPECIAL MUSIC

*All Drum Groups and Singers are welcome to
share their songs in memory of Mary*

ACTIVE PALLBEARERS

*David Redfox ~ Matt Georgeson ~ Mike Tollefson
Steven Redfox Sr. ~ Joel Redfox Sr. ~ Robert Redfox
Troy Redfox ~ Steven Redfox Jr. ~ Joe Azure Jr.*

LAID TO PEACEFUL REST

*Tollefson Family Cemetery
Rural St. Michael, North Dakota*

HONORARY PALLBEARERS AND THEIR FAMILIES

*KayLeann Lohnes ~ Nicole Longie ~ XoeY Iceman
Manuel and Mariam (Baby Girl) Vega ~ Wade Longie
Etta Redfox ~ Ranell Cavanaugh ~ Austin Smith
Mandee Jerome ~ Rayanne Jerome ~ Robin Tikanye
Mike Tollefson ~ Louie Garcia ~ Ashley Redfox
Sharon Georgeson ~ Amy HolyWing ~ Skip Longie Sr.
Geraldine Redfox ~ Michelle McDonald ~ Monte Redfox
Bonnie Leftbear ~ Crystal Meade ~ Shanell Paul
Mona Leftbear ~ Bud and Renita Shaw ~ Megan Redfox
Helena Littleghost ~ Karen Littlewind ~ June Littlewind
Kara Longie ~ Eugene and Lynn Littleghost
Tiffany Littleghost ~ Fallon Littleghost ~ Brook Parisien
John and Marva Tollefson ~ Stella DuBois
Maddy and Rayanne Leaf*

*We thank you for the love you have shown
and the prayers offered for our family.*

God Bless You All.