



A Mother's Love

A MOTHER'S LOVE IS SOMETHING THAT NO ONE CAN EXPLAIN;
IT IS MADE OF DEEP DEVOTION AND OF SACRIFICE AND PAIN.
IT IS ENDLESS AND UNSELFISH AND ENDURING COME WHAT MAY,
FOR NOTHING CAN DESTROY IT OR TAKE THAT LOVE AWAY.
IT IS PATIENT AND FORGIVING WHEN ALL OTHERS ARE FORSAKING,
AND IT NEVER FAILS OR FALTERS EVEN THOUGH THE HEART IS BREAKING.
IT BELIEVES BEYOND BELIEVING WHEN THE WORLD AROUND CONDEMNS,
AND IT GLOWS WITH ALL THE BEAUTY OF THE RAREST, BRIGHTEST GEMS.
IT IS FAR BEYOND DEFINING, IT DEFIES ALL EXPLANATION,
AND IT STILL REMAINS A SECRET LIKE THE MYSTERIES OF CREATION.
A MANY SPLENDORED MIRACLE MAN CANNOT UNDERSTAND,
AND ANOTHER WONDROUS EVIDENCE OF GOD'S TENDER GUIDING HAND.



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FOREVER IN OUR HEARTS

RITA MARY

Spear Chief

FEBRUARY 18, 1942 - NOVEMBER 11, 2021

RITA SPEAR CHIEF (née Bull Calf), passed away at the Foothills Health Centre, on Thursday, November 11, 2021 at the age of 79 years.

She was born on the Blood Indian Reserve to Herbert and Martha (Black Horse) Bull Calf on February 18, 1942. She was married to the late Reggie Spear Chief at the age of 16, and together, had seven children: Wanda, Roderick, Winnifred, Christopher, Racheal, Lori and Albert. Rita and Reggie lived on the Blood Reserve where they raised their children, farmed and owned cattle and horses. Back then, together Reggie and Rita would be out working with the livestock and busy during haying season, hauling to Ririe's in Magrath, AB, hauling by tractor and hayrack often, with her brothers-in-law Allen and Gordon Spear Chief helping them during haying season.

Rita left the Blood Reserve in 1968. She lived in Lethbridge, Coalhurst and Calgary, where she resided and lived at Brentwood Care Centre as her health declined.

Rita is survived by two daughters: Lori Crow Eagle and Janelle First Rider, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, numerous nieces, nephews and cousins and adopted brothers Leroy Hunt and Moses Spear Chief.

Rita was predeceased by her parents Herbert and Martha Bull Calf, husband Reggie Spear Chief in 1982, and children: Wanda and Roderick Bull Calf, Winnifred, Christopher, Racheal and Albert Spear Chief, sisters Molly Bull Calf, Maude Calling Last and Catherine Blood, grandchildren: Allison Webster, Glenda Bull Calf and Melissa Spear Chief, and the Bull Calf, Buckskin, Hunt and Brave Rock families. The family apologizes for anyone they may have missed.

The family would like to thank the Brentwood Care Centre and the Foothills Hospital for the loving care they gave to Rita.

Family Service

Cornerstone Funeral Home
2825 - 32nd Street South, Lethbridge, Alberta
Monday, November 22, 2021, at 4:00 PM

Officiant - Moses Spear Chief

Wake

Cornerstone Funeral Home
Monday, November 22, 2021, 6:00 - 9:00 PM

Officiant - Moses Spear Chief
Musician - Andrew Bull Calf

Funeral Mass

St. Martha's Parish
355 Columbia Boulevard West, Lethbridge, Alberta
Tuesday, November 22, 2021, at 1:00 PM

Officiant - Father William Monis
Pianist - Christina Lohues
Drum Group - Kainai Boys
Musician - Andrew Bull Calf

Readings
First - Isaiah 65:17-21 - Maria Bishop
Psalm - 27
Second - Romans 8:31-39 - Dakota Panther Bone
Gospel - John 11:17-27
Prayers of the Faithful - Dakota Panther Bone

Hymns
Processional - Be Not Afraid
Offertory - The Lord is My Light
Communion - I am the Bread of Life
Recessional - I Know That My Redeemer Lives

Interment

Rita will be laid to rest in St. Catherine's Cemetery on the Blood Reserve

Pallbearers

Tracy Hunt Lisa Crow Eagle Sheila Crow Eagle Ronald Bull Calf
Kevin Bull Calf Melvin Spear Chief Blay Crane Chief
Jr. Bull Calf Ryan Running Crane