



Don't Grieve For Me For Now I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God laid for me.
I took His hand when I heard Him call;
I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day,
To laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way;
I found that place at the close of day.

If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it with remembered joy.
A friendship shared a laugh, a kiss;
Ah yes, these things, I too will miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I savored much;
Good friends, good times, a loved ones touch.

Perhaps my time seems all to brief;
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and share with me,
God wanted me now, He set me free.

A Celebration of Life



Kayla Gail McKenzie

September 13, 1991—March 1, 2025

In Loving Memory of Kayla Gail Mckenzie

Kayla was born September 13th, 1991, to Glen T. McKenzie and Tamara No Heart in Watford City, ND. She is an enrolled member of the MHA Nation and descendent of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe. Kayla is a child of the Water Buster Clan.

Kayla grew up in the Mandaree community of the Fort Berthold Reservation with her parents and siblings. She was a true “daddy's girl”, always right next to her dad and defending him no matter what.

She was kind, loving, humorous and witty! She had a caring, gentle spirit and never turned anyone away that needed help. Kayla enjoyed hanging out with her sisters and cousins playing basketball at the courts on the ridge. Kayla loved fishing and camping and spending summers at the lake with family. She was skilled at playing darts and horseshoes and never turned down a good game of 10,000. She also liked to travel and made her first trip to Seattle at age 5 and a few others after that which included a trip down the coast from Washington to California. Kayla teased about being “high maintenance” and took pride in her appearance always fixing up, looking her best. She colored her own hair to make it look salon professional! She followed and mastered current beauty trends, and her nails and make-up were always on-point. She had plans of pursuing a career in cosmetology and massage therapy.

Kayla attended Mandaree School and later obtained her GED through the ND Higher Education Program. She relocated to the Bismarck area where she met and married her children's father Warren Looking Horse. From this union, she was blessed with four beautiful children, Aeriya, Alaina, Alias and Warren Jr. Kayla cherished her children and was very proud of them.

They were the true loves of her life.

Kayla worked with the CARES program at West Segment and was employed with the Four Bears Drug Awareness Team as a site coordinator/peer support for the Mandaree location. She

brought her own experiences to the program being a person in recovery herself. She had a passion for caring for others which made her such a good fit for her job.

Her kind, beautiful soul will be missed by all who were graced with her love and friendship.

Kayla is survived by her Father Glenn Mckenzie (Mildred), Children Aeriya, Aliana, Alias, Warren Jr., Siblings Monty Mckenzie, Monica Mckenzie (DJ), Shyla Mckenzie (Trent, LeeAnna Nation (Frank), Megan Brugh, Dawnie Mckenzie, Garrett Mckenzie, (Summer), Joe Don Mckenzie, Cricket Mckenzie, Stacy Bear (Jerald), Kraig Falcon (Helen), Tasha No Heart, Lucy Chapin.

Nieces & Nephews:

Karen Mckenzie, Mya Jade Johnson, Quentin Johnson, Kaven McKenzie, Adriene Johnson, Devin Bear Claw, Cora Mann, Tommy Bear Claw, Francis, Bear Claw, Molly Bear Claw, Oray Hall, Kambree & Health Bear, Braylen Close, Kaylee Bear.

Uncles: Don Mckenzie (Karen), James Yellow Wolf, Kyle Mandan.

Aunts: Ivanna Mckenzie, Tana Lone Fight, Lisa Redford, Vivian Lone Fight, Della No Hert, Shannon Phelan, Jackie & Lynn Marvel.

Grandmothers: Tana Lone Fight, Sharon Lone Fight, Carol Ann Newman, Mary Jane Yeahquo, Mary Gauchapin, Martha Bird Bear

Grandfathers: Ted Lone Fight III (Sherry), Pete Lone Fight, Randy Phelan, Wilbur Hunts Along, Clayton Young Bear.

She is welcomed home by her mother, Tammy No Heart,

Great Grandfathers: Alonzo Young Bear, Ted Lone Fight II

Great Grandmothers: Adele Fredericks, Mable Lone Fight, Margie Hunts Along.

Grand Fathers: Reynolds Lone Fight, Ambrose Phelan Jr., Terry (Tugga) Phelan.

Grandmothers: LouAnn Phelan, Gloria Lone Fight, Carol Brugh Lone Fight and Mary Lou Lone Fight.



Celebrating the Life of Kayla

Senior Pallbearer
Marie Driver

Officiating
Pastor Kevin Finley & Donald Mckenzie



Wake Services
5:00 p.m., Thursday, March 6, 2025,
Water Chief Hall, Mandaree, ND

Funeral Services
11:00 a.m., Friday, March 7, 2025,
Water Chief Hall, Mandaree, ND

Interment
Phelan Family Cemetery
Rural Mandaree

Honorary Pallbearers
Sonja Fox, Hamet Robertson, TaTeona Peanut Hunts Along,
Jordan Rainbow, Maybella Lone Fight, Tedsena Lone Fight,
Kyle Miller, Bruce Fox Jr., Taylor Mynck, Aileen Foote,
Maria Gouinor, Nevada Good Bird, Toni Johnson, Ashly Hall,
Cathy Lone Fight, Class of 2010
And All Her Many other Relatives and Friends

Active Pallbearers
Devin Bear Claw Garrett Mckenzie
Oray Hall Damen Hopkins
Kraig Falcon Jr. Quentin Johnson
Theodore Lone Fight Keoni Beaks
Tyler Freeman

