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**12/15/2012 - Pauline Nelson-Big Crow**

Funeral services for Pauline Nelson-Big Crow, age 82, of Allen, SD will be Saturday, December 15, 2012 at 10:00 AM at the American Horse School Gym in Allen, SD with Fr. Rick Abert S.J. officiating.

A two night wake service will be Thursday, December 13, 2012 at the American Horse School Gym in Allen, SD.

Burial will be at St. Ann's Cemetery at Wolf Creek, SD.

Immediate Survivors:

Sons: Donroy Big Crow of Pine Ridge, SD, Steve Coomes of Sioux Falls, SD, Victor Coomes of Kyle, SD, Xavier Big Crow of Rapid City, SD, and Raymond Big Crow of Belle Fourche, SD.

Daughters: Francine Big Crow-Little Bear of Pine Ridge, SD, Tracy Big-Crow-Mata of Cheyenne, WY, Nicole "Nicky" Big Crow of Allen, SD, Dominique Big Crow- Cedar Face of Chadron, NE, Melissa Slow Bear of Allen, SD, Francinity Big Crow of Allen, SD.

Sister: Ramona Tallman of Allen, SD

Numerous Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren

Pauline Nelson –Big Crow was born on January 30, 1930 in Allen, SD to Patrick Nelson and Sally Little Hoop-Nelson.

On December 9, 2012 Pauline Nelson-Big Crow left this world to join her beloved husband Francis X Big Crow in the Spirit World.

She received education at the Holy Rosary Mission. She joined in marriage on May 25, 1956. Pauline and Francis X Big Crow "X" ranched and lived in various areas on the Pine Ridge Reservation. In the mid 60's they established their homestead North of Allen, SD, where she enjoyed sewing, gardening, canning, and all the homemaking duties of a ranch wife.

Pauline's love and compassion allowed her to love and care for many children that passed through her home. As a result of her love she raised five daughters and three sons. Four special Great Grandchildren and one Great- Great Grandson.

Pauline is survived by her girls: Francine Big Crow-Little Bear, Tracy Big Crow-Mata, Nicky Big Crow, Dominique Big Crow-Cedar Face, and Melissa Slow Bear.

Her sons: Donroy Big Crow, Steve Coomes, Victor Coomes, and Xavier Big Crow.

Special Grandchildren: Raymond Big Crow, Francinity (Sheenie) Big Crow, TiAnna Big Crow, Jamie Big Crow, Kellie (Mousseau) Eagle Elk, Tanoa and Marcus Big Crow, Bailey Mc Millin, JaLeo Big Crow and Numerous Grandchildren, Great Grandchildren, and Great-Great Grandchildren.

Her Sister Ramona Tallman and Special Friends Dave, Mary Kay and Sue Sell.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Patrick and Sally (Little Hoop) Nelson. Her sisters, Nancy Nelson-Black Horse, Cecelia Nelson- Tallman, and brother, Delbert Nelson.

Waiting to welcome her to the Spirit World is her beloved husband Francis X Big Crow.

Sioux Funeral Home of Pine Ridge, SD is in charge of arrangements.