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05/07/2012 - Arlene "Choach" Leata Goings/Means

Funeral services for Arlene "Choach" Leata Goings/Means, age 62, of Pine Ridge, SD will be Monday, May 7, 2012 at 2:00 PM at the Billy Mills Hall in Pine Ridge, SD with Reverend Rhoda Mesteth officiating.

A two night wake will begin Saturday, May 5, 2012 at 1:00 PM at the Billy Mills Hall in Pine Ridge, SD.

Burial will be at the Holy Cross Episcopal Cemetery in Pine Ridge, SD.

Arlene "Choach" Leata Goings/Means began her journey to the Spirit World April 30, 2012 at her home in Pine Ridge, SD. Arlene was a very hard worker throughout her life. She attended Black Hills State College and earned a Bachelors Degree in Education. After graduating, from B.H.S.C. she moved back to Pine Ridge to become an Elementary Teacher at P.R.E.S. She taught 1st and 3rd grade students and enjoyed her students very much. Arlene was also an active AIM Member and took part in the Wounded Knee Occupation. Arlene loved her Lakota people and did all she could to help her people when they were in need. She was also an attorney at the Oglala Lakota Court System in Pine Ridge, again she was the voice for her people and won many of her cases. Arlene was also an actress in which she took part in several movies such as Dances With Wolves with Kevin Costner, she played the part of an extra in this movie. Arlene also played parts in other movies such as Son of the Morning Star, Skin's, Lakota Woman, and was the extra coordinator of the movie Dream Keeper. Arlene also worked for many local tribal businesses such as the Tero Program, C.H.R. Program, tribal attorney and prosecutor's office, and she also worked for the attorney general's office.

Immediate Survivors:

Daughters: Annette Irving/Wilson, Rebecca Runs Alone, and Bonita Black Elk all of Pine Ridge, SD

Sons: Garnette Titus of Tulsa, OK, and Ronald Jason Titus of Sioux Falls, SD

Adopted Son: Earl Janis, Jr. of Denver, CO

Adopted Daughter: Irene Bedard of CA

Grandchildren: Misty D. Titus of Denver, CO, Douglas Brown of Pine Ridge, SD, Garnette Titus, Jr., Jasena Titus (Deceased), Dillon, and Dallas Titus all of Tulsa, OK, Arlene, Valence, Atlanta, & Richmond (Deceased) Bagola, Wiconi, Summer, Whipper, and Caidence Runs Above all of Pine Ridge, SD

Great Grandchildren: Cante Waste Win Waters and Zephia Bagola both of Pine Ridge, SD and also Benjamin Gerald Titus of Green Bay, WI.

Sioux Funeral Home of Pine Ridge is in charge of arrangements