



Arlene Marie Chosa

November 19, 1944 - July 30, 2024

Arlene Marie Chosa, age 79, of Minneapolis walked on to begin her journey to the spirit world on July 31, 2024. She was born November 19, 1944 to Fred Chosa and Mamie Kingfisher Chosa. Arlene and her longtime partner Robert "Bob" O'Neal worked for Catholic Charities for decades operating the food shelf helping people in their community. She loved crafts, sewing, making ribbon skirts and medicine bags. She learned to sew making clothes for her younger siblings when they were young. She took great pride in her Ojibwe culture and loved spending her time at the Bois Forte urban office helping others learn about their culture. She loved going to the casino, playing bingo and doing puzzles. She loved her family and friends.

She is preceded in death by her father Fred Sr., her mother Mamie, brothers Eugene, Raymond, Ronald, Leroy, Fred Jr., Hank (Henry), Lenny, Mike, Brian, Catherine and too many nieces and nephews. She is survived by her daughter Debbie Fontaine, grandsons Aaron and Shannon, sisters Peggy, Loretta and Joyce, brothers Duane and T-bone (James), numerous nieces and nephews, her many friends and her best friend/extended family Jacque Wilson.

The wake will be at 7 p.m. at the Bois Forte Urban Office and the Burial will be at 2 p.m. at Lake Vermillion cemetery.

Old Dreams Kerosene lamps, flare,

The wood smoke, mingles,

Oatmeal and bacon grease,

Fried bread and rice

The fragrances, stir me,

Like roses never could

The Christmas tree,

Barren, giftless, stood,

Santa Clause, never came,

But home made things,

Sisters and brothers, made it,

Still a golden Christmas

The reservation summers,

The winters chopping wood,

The all Indian grade school

And Grandma, sorting beads,

I dream and hide back there

Whenever this world, crushes me

Cemetery Details

Vermilion Reservation Cemetery

Tower, MN 55790

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 3. 7:00 PM - 12:00 AM (CT)

Bois Forte Band of Chippewa - Minneapolis Urban Office
1308 E Franklin Avenue
Minneapolis, MN 55404