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01/03/2013 - Olive Brings Him Back

Funeral services for Olive Elizabeth Brings Him Back, age 76, of Oglala, SD will be Thursday, January 3, 2013 at 10:00 AM at the Brother Rene Hall in Oglala, SD with Sister Barb officiating.

A one night wake service will be Wednesday, January 2, 2013 at 3:00 PM at the Brother Rene Hall in Oglala, SD.

Burial will be at Makasan Presbyterian Church Cemetery in Oglala, SD.

Immediate Survivors:

Children: Holly (Marvin) Provost of Sharps Corner, SD, Lonnie Cuny of San Antonio, TX, Vernon "Dusty" Cuny, Wade "Beau" Cuny, Connie Johnson (Terry DeMasters) all of Oglala, SD, Marty (Patricia) Cuny of Hermosa, SD, Karen (Maurice) John of Steamburg, NY, Cindy Cuny of Butte, MT, and Paulette Price-Williamson of Rapid City, SD

Grandchildren: 20
Great Grandchildren: 25

Olive "Ollie" Brings Him Back was born on May 12, 1936 to Oliver "Flop" Garnier and Evelyn (Tobacco) Garnier in Oglala, South Dakota. Ollie was the oldest of six children, Violet Her Many Horses (deceased), Elizabeth Little, Wanda Garnier, Will Garnier, and Oliver "Cowboy" Garnier, Jr. (deceased). Ollie married Vernon Cuny, Sr. in 1952, and to this union 8 children were born, Karen John, Marty Cuny, Cindy (Tobacco) Cuny, Connie Johnson (DeMasters), Paulette Price-Williamson, Vernon "Dusty" Cuny, Wade "Beau" Cuny, Lonnie Cuny, and Holly Provost; Ollie also raised three of her grandchildren, Lisa Fast Wolf and Austin & Joshua Cuny.

During the course of Ollie's life, she attended the Loneman Day School, and the National College of Business in Rapid City, SD. She worked for Holy Rosary Mission, moved to Chicago, IL where she worked in a factory, the Bureau of Indian Affairs as the telephone receptionist and file clerk, she then was a Police Officer in Oglala under the OST Department of Public Safety. She then married Lyle Brings Him Back in 1981. She then worked with the foster grandparent program at the Loneman School, was on the School Board for Loneman School, and on the ONEC Board up until she became ill.

Ollie only had a part of her lung, and from when she was in her early 20's she battled this lung disease. She was always

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afraid of catching a cold, because it could be fatal to her. She lived on breathing treatments, inhalers, but it did not stop her from living her life. But in October 2012, she did get pneumonia and she fought a hard battle to beat it, from Rapid City Regional, Pine Ridge Indian Health Service, to Scottsbluff Regional West, where she lost her battle on Friday, December 28, 2012 at 5:00 PM.

She fought this battle for 56 years, the last day when she was told she could not leave a hospital setting without oxygen and get well, as pills, IV's, and oxygen were keeping her alive. She would never be able to get well, she made it her choice to stop. She knew her children that were by her side for two weeks would not allow their mother to lose her life, they would have told the doctors to do everything to keep her alive; so she made the choice to stop all life support. She was tired, she was very strong, determined, and stubborn, but a kind-loving gentle mother and grandmother. And she will continue to live on in each and every one of her children and grandchildren. She will be forever in our memories, thoughts, and hearts. We will continue to remember her each and every day, our hearts will be saddened by not being able to see her face, hear her voice, touch her hand, and hear her laughter, and watch her facial expressions and mostly just being there for us when we needed her. But all those who knew her will keep her memories alive.

Ollie was preceded in death by her ex-spouse, Vernon Cuny, Sr. and spouse, Lyle Brings Him Back; parents, Oliver and Evelyn; brother, "Cowboy,"; sister, Violet; and two grandsons, Jesse Two Bulls and Joe Fast Wolf.

She will be truly missed by all those who love her.

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

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