

Celinda Rose Traversie



Celinda was born April 20, 1928, in White Horse, SD, to Theophile "T.O." and Lily (Jewett) Traversie. Celinda was the great-great-granddaughter of Chief War Eagle. Her father was the son of Mary

Bruguier (married to Paul Traversie) who descended from Blazing Cloud, who was the daughter of Chief War Eagle. She grew up with 11 brothers and sisters on the old Traversie ranch, located between Timber Lake and Eagle Butte, Celinda attended Timber Lake Public Schools (the first Indian family to attend that school), after attempts to force parents to send their children to Cheyenne River Boarding School.

Celinda traveled to most of the 50 states before obtaining her nursing degree from Union College in Lincoln, NE, in 1952. She began her nursing career in 1958 at the Old Cheyenne River Agency Hospital, retiring from nursing in January of 1997, after almost 40 years at the Pine Ridge and Eagle Butte Hospitals. She lived in Eagle Butte at the time of her retirement with her son, Kyle, but shortly afterward, moved to a home near the old ranch where she lived up until the time of her passing at the Eagle Butte I.H.S. Hospital on January 31, 2016.

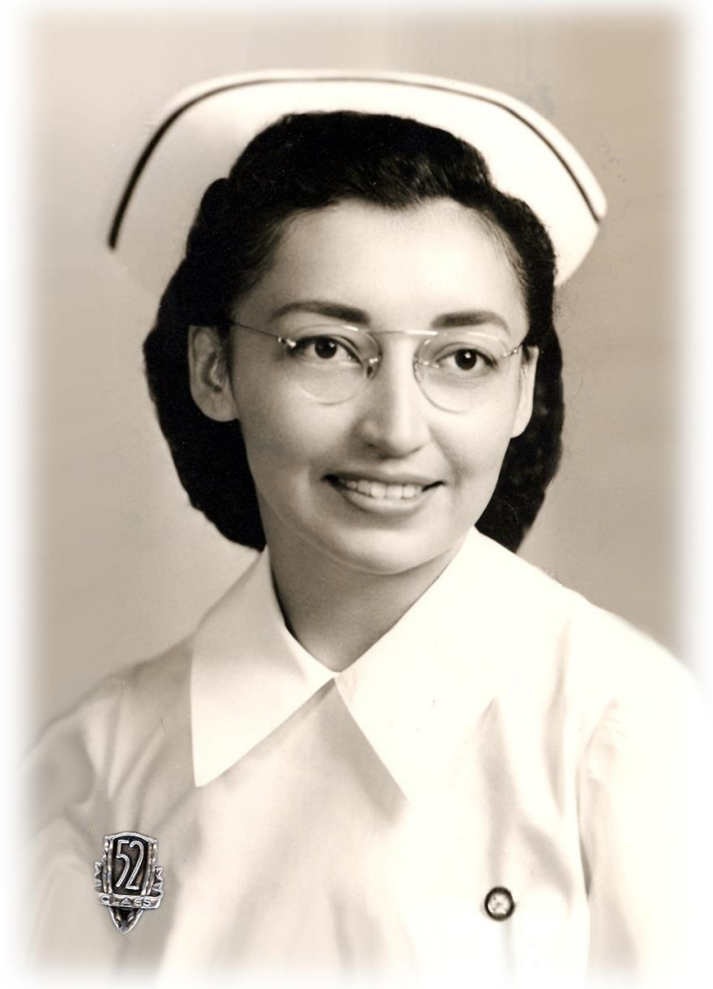
Celinda enjoyed old western movies and TV shows, country western music and concerts, spending time with her family, especially her grandson, Kason Kyle Traversie, and attending church when she could. She loved the open countryside, and in her younger days, loved to go horseback riding.

Survivors include her son, Kyle Paul (Tracy) Traversie; grandson, Kason Kyle Traversie; and numerous nieces, nephews, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. She was loved by everyone and will be dearly missed, especially by her son, Kyle.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Theophile and Lily; her brothers, Charles Traversie, Orville Traversie, Theophile Traversie, and Arlis Traversie (died in infancy); sisters, Irene Marshall, Naomi Mountford, Eugenia Iron Moccasin, Delma Traversie, Cyrinthia LeCompte, Violet Rosales, Vivian Sampson, and Georgelyn Sampson; and a grandson, Mason Handboy.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.kinkadefunerals.com.

In Loving Memory Of



Celinda Rose Traversie

1928 ~ 2016

*The family invites you to join them for fellowship and lunch
in the church hall following the funeral service.
We thank you for your presence and condolences.*



A Million Times

*A million times we've needed you,
 A million times we've cried,
 If our love could have saved you,
 You never would have died.
 It broke our hearts to lose you,
 But you did not go alone,
 For part of us went with you,
 The day God called you home.
 He saw you were getting tired,
 When a recovery was not to be,
 He closed His arms around you,
 And whispered "Come to Me."
 For all the pain you went through,
 He saw you needed rest,
 God's garden must be beautiful,
 For he only picks the best.*

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Born

April 20, 1928
 White Horse, South Dakota

Died

January 31, 2016
 Eagle Butte, South Dakota

Funeral Service

Saturday, February 6, 2016, at 11:00 a.m.
 St. John's Episcopal Church
 Eagle Butte, South Dakota

Officiants

Eva Gilbert
 Cheyenne River Episcopal Lay Readers

Special Music

"If I Had Only Known"

Pallbearers

Jr. Roberts ~ John Maynard ~ Kason Handboy ~ Calvin Sampson
 Tyler Handboy ~ Elvis Handboy ~ Kyle Traversie ~ Tristan Sampson

Honorary Pallbearers

Elvis and Delena Handboy and Family
 John and Kathleen Maynard and Family
 Alecia Cowins and Family ~ Bud and Carol Long and Family
 Jennifer and John Ducheneaux and Family
 All Medical Staff ~ All Celinda's close friends
 Patty Keckler – long-time friend
 All co-workers during her nursing career
 Marita Garreau – life-long family friend
 James and Jackie Traversie ~ Tristan Sampson and Family
 JD Sampson and Family ~ Orlen Sampson and Family
 Germaine Joens and Family ~ Raylene Marshall
 Wallis Thompson and Family ~ State Bank Of Eagle Butte
 Dakota Plains Legal Aid Services ~ Numerous nieces & nephews

Interment

Looking Horse Cemetery
 Green Grass, South Dakota