

Germaine Marlo Tremmel transitioned to the stars in her sacred He Sapa at Fort Meade on December 2, 2019, in Sturgis, SD, due to complications following her bone marrow cancer. She was 62. She was a water and land protector, UN attorney, Akicita, her people's advocate, women's drum leader, language and traditional knowledge keeper.

Ms. Tremmel was born on February 27, 1957, in Sitting Bull Camp, Standing Rock, SD, and was raised by Matthew Tremmel and Margaret "One Bull" Tremmel. She is the direct lineal granddaughter of Chief Sitting Bull, Chief Red Thunder, and Chief Rain in the Face. She graduated from the University of Colorado with a degree in Law and later graduated with her Masters in International Law from the University of Cambridge, England. She worked tirelessly for her Oyate locally and abroad at the United Nations in Geneva and Brussels. She was a Professor of West Virginia and the founder of the Tetuwan Oyate Treaty Council at the United Nations. Ms. Tremmel was also a recipient of the Indigenous United Nations Peacemaker Award and was a judge with the U.N. International Genocide Commission and International Court of Justice in The Hague, Netherlands. Inspiring creativity and dedication in others was one of her life-long goals; the other, was the nationhood of the Očhéthi Šakówiŋ as her elders placed her in this mission.

Ms. Tremmel served the United States military in 82nd Airborne for 13 years and was awarded the Purple Heart. She was a member of the Red Feather Society. Ms. Tremmel also worked in Bismarck/Mandan as a Riding Officer and was a Rapid City Police Officer and in later years worked at the B.I.A. (Aberdeen, SD) with the Department of Land Management.

Germaine was a patient and supportive teacher of the Dakota Language and created a "Grow Your Own" program utilizing traditional knowledge and was based out of Inhanktuwan Nation. Today there are over 30 fluent Dakota speakers who are now teaching the language. She was also the Founder of the Black Hills Pow-Wow along with Randy Ross & Melvin Miner. She had a great passion for traditional literacy and the arts and was a renown buffalo bone jewelry designer utilizing traditional practices taught by her elders. She sang and sat in many drum circles and was part of the Red Drum Society.

Ms. Tremmel is survived by her 2 daughters, son, and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Matthew Tremmel and Margaret "One Bull"; her natural parents, Owen Jefferson Young, Jr. (Rosebud Sicangu Oyate) and Evelyn Blanche Thompson (Hunkpapa Standing Rock/Canada); and her grandparents, John Thompson and Jennie Amy Crowghost.

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

The family invites you back to the Gym at Fort Meade for fellowship and lunch following the committal services. We thank you for your presence and condolences.



In Loving Memory

Tahoyate Wiyangapi Win (Lady Seen By Her Nation)
Germaine Marlo Tremmel

February 27, 1957 ~ December 2, 2019



Miss Me - But Let Me Go

When I come to the end of the road
And the sun has set for me,
I want no rites in a gloom filled room;
Why cry for a soul set free?

Miss me a little - but not too long
And not with your head bowed low.
Remember the love that we once shared
Miss me - but let me go.

For this is a journey we all must take
And each must go alone.
It's all a part of the Master's plan;
A step on the road to home.

When you are lonely and sick of heart,
go to the friends we know
And bury your sorrows in doing good deeds.
Miss me - but let me go.

~ Author Unknown ~

In Memory Of **Germaine Marlo Tremmel**

Date of Birth

February 27, 1957
Sitting Bull Camp, Standing Rock
South Dakota

Date of Death

December 2, 2019
Fort Meade, South Dakota

Wake

7:00 p.m., Wednesday, December 4, 2019 to
12:00 p.m., Thursday, December 5, 2019
The Gym at Fort Meade
Fort Meade, South Dakota

Officiating

Everett Jamerson

Women's Drums

Man Killers

Color Guard

Lead By: Frank, Jr.

Military Honors

Sturgis Veteran's Honor Guard

Final Resting Place

Black Hills National Cemetery
Sturgis, South Dakota