

Thank you for the gift of love.
 Now you're sharing it up above.
 You had many things to say,
 All in a caring way.
 You always saw good in everyone,
 No matter what they've done.
 You were always the one we could all lean on,
 Even though it must let you rest calmly.
 We say goodbye,
 As years roll down our eyes.
 I know your place in heaven has a good view.
 Yo u're telling God,
 I need to keep an eye on a few.
 I know you will always be in our hearts and minds.
 So Grandma,
 I must go, but I'll never forget you're one of a kind.



Heaven Needed Mom

So many things of Mom I miss--
 Her gentle hug and tender kiss.
 I still can feel her warm embrace.
 And picture yet her loving face.
 A mother's tasks are never done.
 And Heaven must have needed one.
 For Angel's came and took her hand.
 And led her to God's promised land.
 She's surely kept quite busy there
 while brushing little angels' hair.
 And making sure they're dressed just right.
 Not staying out too late at night.
 Although there's sadness. This I know --
 She's waiting there. Her face aglow
 I close my eyes and I can see --
 Her arms still open
 wide for me.



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In Loving Memory of



Mary Rose Gros Ventre Boy

"Kaatsiikoom"

December 21, 1938 ~ January 13, 2021

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of our mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, and friend. **“Kaaitskoomikamo’saakii” Mary Rose Gros Ventre Boy** on January 13, 2021. She was surrounded by her family at the time of her passing in Lethbridge, Alberta at the age of 82 years.

Mary Rose was born on December 21, 1938 in Cardston, Alberta. Her parents are Tsiiinakoan and Matoomikamo’saakii Gros Ventre Boy. After their passing, Mary Rose was raised by her brother Jack Curly Rider Sr. She is survived by; her life-long friend, Harrison Wolf Child, her children Loreen Gros Ventre Boy, Sylvia (Patrick) Gros Ventre Boy, Molly Hairy Bull, Donald (Joyce) Wolf Child, Rose (Stan) Hairy Bull, Harrison (Lorraine) Gros Ventre Boy, Margaret Gros Ventre Boy, Christine (Robert) Healy, and Tex (Brooke) Gros Ventre Boy. Mary Rose gladly raised three of her grand children, Charlene, Cameron, and Nathan Gros Ventre Boy. She opened her arms to many adopted children Ronnie Across the Mountain, Norman Black Plume, Noreen Bull Shields, Bonnie Calf Robe, Roberta Calf Robe, Leanne Eagle Plume, Kelly Eagle Tail Feathers, and Marcel Weasel Head. Her family blessed her with 29 grandchildren, 37 great grandchildren, and 7 great, great grandchildren. Her sister, Francis Gros Ventre Boy is left to mourn as well. She had many nieces and nephews, too numerous to mention.

In her early years, Mary Rose attended St. Mary’s Residential School. Not long after leaving school, she met Harrison. They both did farm work in various place in southern Alberta. Together Mary Rose and Harrison had 8 children. Mary Rose was a kind and humble lady. Everyone who knew her loved her dearly, and always looked forward to their visits. Growing up, she was a barrel racer, loved rodeos, and adored horses. Every year, Mary Rose would participate and complete the walk on Good Friday. She was very active and enjoyed her daily walk. Her hobbies consisted of picking mint and sweetgrass with her children and grandchildren. Another hobby she enjoyed was sewing, in which she designed many quilts. She had a kinship with her pets and would speak to them as if they were people. When Mary Rose would visit with family and friends, her siblings were always a topic. She would often mention how much she missed her brothers and sisters. Mary Rose loved her children and would do anything to see a smile on their faces. She could be found cheering on her children during the sports that they played. Whether it was hockey or fastball, Mary Rose supported them all. Her daughters’ fastball team, on occasion, was short players and Mary Rose never shied away from the opportunity to show them how it’s done. She travelled to many powwows with her children in the United States and neighboring provinces in Canada.

Mary Rose had a special bond with her grandchildren, who always looked forward to grandma’s cooking and her stories. Mary Rose was fluent in Blackfoot, and often struggled with speaking in English. It was a challenge that led her to mispronounce the names of some of her grandchildren. The mispronunciation introduced the nicknames of “Tarzan”, “Money”, “Sauce-it”, “Kooni”, and “Miistsis”. Mary Rose would often encourage her grand children to learn and speak the Blackfoot language. When it came to her grandchildren, Mary Rose shared her undying love, unique sense of humour, and her youthful side. She loved listening and dancing to powwow music and would ask her grandchildren to join her. She was happy when she found out that two of her great grandchildren shared the same birthday as her.

She was predeceased by her children Leonard Gros Ventre Boy, Joanne Curly Rider, and Leo Hairy Bull. Her siblings Jack Curly Rider Sr, Pete Many Fingers, Dora First Charger, Lucy Hairy Bull, Rita Calf Robe, Donald (Kooni), Beattie, Cecile, Roland, Mabel Gros Ventre Boy. Her grandchildren Courtney Gros Ventre Boy and Brandon Crying Head. Her great grandchildren Levi Knife, Dashawn, Phillip, Aiden, and Rose Mary Gros Ventre Boy. And 1 great great grandchild Zaine Running Rabbit.

The family would like to apologize for any names they might have missed.

Funeral Service

Legacy Funeral Home, Cardston, Alberta
Friday, January 22nd, 2021 at 12:00 p.m.

Officiating: Pastor Jack Curly Rider

Drummers: Little Rock Drum Group

Slide Show before the Service

Order of Service

Entrance Song.....	
Opening Prayer.....	Jack Curly Rider
Obituary.....	Bonnie Calf Robe
Song.....	
Poem.....	Maria Russell
Eulogy.....	written by Beatrice Curly Rider
Song.....	
Words of Encouragement.....	Rodney First Rider
Word.....	Jack Curly Rider
Closing Prayer.....	Jack Curly Rider
Recessional Song.....	

Pallbearers - Funeral Home

Lambert	Kyle	Matt
Chelsea	Kenzie	Waylon
Alison	Charlene	Roland
Robert	Charlotte	Bernadette
Wesley	Deanie	Todd

Pallbearers - Cemetery

Hayden	Chad	Motlee
Blade	Garrett	Ty
Trevor	Kyle	Nakoda
Cameron	Winslow	Dallas

Mary Rose will be laid to rest in Pioneer Cemetery, Levern, AB