

Remembering the beautiful life of Whisper Spring Gourd, Mah'piya Waste Win'inc'ana (Good Cloud Girl) of Fort Totten, ND. She started her journey to the spirit world on February 9, 2025 at Altru Hospital in Grand Forks surrounded by her family.

Whisper was born April 24, 1998 to Sharon Feather and Joseph Gourd, Sr. She was raised in the Fort Totten area. Whisper attended school in Oberon, Four Winds, Minnewauken, Sheyenne, and Warwick. She graduated from Warwick High School in 2017.

Whisper loved taking pictures, going to pow wows, sundance, cruising around, hunting, fishing, beading, dancing, spending time with her nieces and nephew and her family. Whisper loved playing basketball and earned many awards during her high school years. She belongs to the 1000 points club and graduated as an honor student. She was a part of the Warwick Leadership Team all 4 years of high school. Whisper attended Nueta Hidatsa Sahnish College in New Town on a basketball scholarship. She also attended Cankdeska Cikana Community College in Fort Totten where she was on the basketball team. Whisper attended Job Corps in Minot and received her degree in Culinary Arts. She worked at the Cobblestone Hotel and Hospital in Devils Lake as a chef. Whisper's smile would light up any room.

Whisper's loving family is left to grieve her death. Her dad, Joseph Gourd, Sr., her mother, Sharon Feather, her loving mother, Kimberly Nelson. Siblings: MystiQue Gourd, Joseph Gourd, Jr., Alissia Hernandez. Nieces: Aylin Gourd and Zaya Gourd. Nephews: Joseph (Joe Joe) Gourd, III. Aunts: Christina Poitra, Kara Longie, Faith Tomahawk, Hope Tomahawk, Janet Tomahawk, Shirlene Feather, Tina Martin, Lydia Cavanaugh, Clarice Brownshield, Clarinda Alex, Lisa and Lea Peoples. Uncles: Frank Gourd, Sr., Aron Abbey, Gary (Collen) Thumb, Darren (Germaine) Demarce, Richard (Lona) Street, Kevin Dauphinais, Toni Rowe, William Tomahawk, Calvin Feather, Derrick Mini, and Gerrick Mini. Grandmas: Sheila Thompson, Cathy Twohearts, Catherine Howard, Renita Delorme, and Laverne Bear. Grandpas: Raymond Cavanaugh and Roger Feather. We wish we could list all of her many cousins, extended family, and all that Whisper loved.

In loving memory of Grandpa Lenard Crowdog, Sr., Grandpa Isreal Ben Gourd, Grandma Vivian "Littleiwnd" Mini, and many other relatives, grandmas, grandpas, aunts, uncles, and extended family.

We would like to thank the ICU team at Altru in Grand Forks, Spirit Lake Tribal Council, Devils Lake ER staff, and Spirit Lake Tribal Health.

If we forgot to mention any of her family or friends, please accept our apologies through this difficult time.

In Loving Memory



Whisper Gourd

APRIL 24, 1998 – FEBRUARY 9, 2025



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Warrior
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Whisper Gourd

Celebrating The Life Of Whisper Spring Gourd

April 24, 1998 – Devils Lake, ND
February 9, 2025 – Grand Forks, ND

WAKE & PRAYER SERVICE

Monday, February 17, 2025
Wake 5:00PM ~ Prayer Service 7:00PM
Fort Totten Rec. Center, Fort Totten, ND

FUNERAL SERVICE

Tuesday, February 18, 2025
11:00AM
Fort Totten Rec. Center, Fort Totten, ND

OFFICIATING

Fr. Steven Meyer

SPECIAL MUSIC

Honorary drum group is Cut Head Sioux and all drum groups and singers are welcome to share their songs in memory of Whisper

PALLBEARERS

1st Active Pallbearers

Aaron Abbey, Talon Dunn, Tyler Jetty, Darren Littlewind Jr.
Lionel Dunn, Alfred Longie, Pete Dauphinais

2nd Pallbearers

Jodawn Philbrick, Jalesha Greywater, Canisha Keo, Winona Horton, RaeLynn Loveshim, Maurice (Mo) Azure, Melissa Olson, Ivy Lovejoy, Jessica Hale

HONORARY BEARERS

Clarice & Josie Lawrence, Roger Yankdon, Grandma Helena Littleghost, Skip Longie, Marva (John) Tollefson, Grandma Lily Owlboy and family, Raybert "Rocky: Littlewind, Oliver(Charle) Gourd, John (Mona) Chaske, Bentley Greybear, Sr., Bud (Renita) Shaw, Thomas families, Greybear family, WalkingEagle families, Chaske family, Littlewind family, Hill girls and the Hill family, Janet White and family, June Gourd, Beth Gourd, Debbie Gourd, Mary (Joe) Azure, Jade (Fred) Philbrick, Derrick (Mary) Jackson, Kris, White and family, 2017 Girls Basketball team – Shaylynn Demarrias, Sarah Anderson, Bryeann Robertson, Kaylean Lohnes, Rayanne Leaf, Cheyenne Eversvik, Kari Little, Jordain Ballenger, Sydney Tollefson, Melissa Olson, Madison Leaf, Kalista Jackson, Trina Hunt, Hailey Tollefson, Melissa Dauphinais, and Samone Motley, Class of 2017 – Kiara Guy, Bryeann Robertson, Kaylean Lohnes, Bethany Balenton, Rayanne Leaf, Joel Redfox, Jr., and Stephon Charboneau

BURIAL

St. Jerome's Catholic Cemetery, Fort Totten, ND

Arrangements by
Evans Funeral Home – Carrington & New Rockford, ND
www.EvansFuneralHomeND.com

You can shed tears because they are gone,

Or you can smile because they lived.

You can close your eyes and pray they will come back,

Or you can open your eyes and see all that they left for you.

Your heart can be empty because you can't see them,

Or you can be full of the love you shared.

You can turn your back on tomorrow and live yesterday,

Or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday.

You can remember only that they are gone,

Or you can cherish their memory and let it live on.

You can cry and close your mind and feel empty,

Or you can do what they would want.

Smile, Open your heart,

Love...and go on.

- Elizabeth Ammons