

Dinah Black Hawk; Black Dress (Iduhi Shibishish), was born on September 25, 1949. She was the eldest daughter of Kingden Peter Black Hawk and Pamela Standish Black Hawk.

Dinah was born into a simple life with no running water or electricity. Entertainment could be found outside the family cabin climbing the nearby Saddle Butte and clay buttes with her brothers and sisters. As one of the older children, Dinah was the last child to enjoy the company of her maternal grandmother Lucy Lone Fight Standish. Other childhood memories included riding horses, hauling water, and picking berries, all of which were a huge part of life when living out in the country.

Raised in the traditional way, her father Kingden installed use of the Hidatsa language in the home and no one was allowed to speak English language in his presence. Dinah was among "the minority within a minority" due to speaking but a few English words. One of the family's favorite memories of Dinah was her first day of school. Not knowing many English words along with the fact that her teacher Mrs. Eggelton was African American scared Dinah so much that she ran away screaming and crying. It took both her older brothers Joe and Tommy to pull her back to class. The cultural shock of her first day of school did not assure her that school would be something she would enjoy as she was growing up.

After receiving her GED, Dinah would go on to United Tribes Technical College for culinary training. After receiving her license, Dinah would go on to many years of employment cooking for 4-Bears Motor Lodge and for the Elder Meal Sites. Working for the Good Sheperd Home in Watford City for eight (8) years gave her a break from cooking, but eventually she returned to her love of cooking. She got up at 5am to bake bread and pies, so the elders' holiday meals would include fresh buns or fry bread. Dinah also worked part-time at the 4-Bears Casino and Lodge as a change person for a number of years.

Dinah retired after working for a total of thirty-seven years- twenty-seven consecutive years as head cook for the Mandaree Elder Meal Site.

Dinah loved pow-wows and followed her son, Kip A. Black Hawk and the Thunder Butte Drum Group throughout North Dakota and Montana. At the local pow-wows Dinah would sometimes open a food stand to sell her famous Indian tacos and traditional maddaposhi. When Sierra Little Swallow was the pow-wow traveling princess, Dinah did some more traveling. Dinah enjoyed bingo, casino slot machines, old-time TV westerns, country music, coffee w/pie, and playing on her Ipad.

Due to health reasons, she was in a number of Nursing and Rehabilitation facilities. The last one was Edgewood Assisted Living Center in Bismarck, ND where she could be close to family. Dinah departed this earth the morning of October 21, 2019 where she is now with her son Kip.

Dinah is survived by her sisters; FayAnn (Lary) Moberg, Judy Black Hawk, JoAnn (Randy) Keehn, grand-niece, Sierra Little Swallow, numerous nephews, nieces, and their families.

Preceding her in death were her Parents, Grandparents, Husband: Darrell Fortner, brothers; Rudolph Sanders, Joseph Black Hawk, Thomas Black Hawk, Sr., Charles Black Hawk and four infant brothers. Sister: M. Melvina Fredericks, Niece: Jennifer P. Driver, and her son; Kip A. Black Hawk.



IN Loving MEMORY



*Dinah
Black Hawk*

"Iduhi Shabishish"

(Black Dress)

September 25, 1949~October 21, 2019

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Indian Prayer

When I am dead
Cry for me a little
Think of me sometimes
But not too much
Think of me now and again
As I was in life
At some moments
It's pleasant to recall
But not for long.
Leave me in peace
And I shall leave you in peace
And while you live
Let your thoughts be of the living.

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Date & Place of Birth

September 25, 1949~
Elbowoods, North Dakota

Date & Place of Death

October 21, 2019~Bismarck, North Dakota

Wake Service

5:00PM Thursday October 24, 2019
Water Chief Hall
Mandaree, North Dakota

Services

10:00AM Friday October 25, 2019
Water Chief Hall
Mandaree, North Dakota

Officiating

Dorothy Borden

Senior Pall Bearer

Sharon Grey

Active Pall Bearers

Bronson Flynn, Mike White Owl, Mitchell
Brinson, Andrew Osborn, Lane Standish,
Robert Ygnaico Fimbres, Cy Stearns, Justin
Spotted Bear & Robby Keehn

Final Resting Place

Independence Congregational
Church Cemetery
Rural Mandaree, North Dakota

Arrangements by:

Fulkerson Stevenson Funeral Home

Honorary Pall Bearers

Rigo Mendez, Linda Baker, Maxine Buffalo,
Veronica Serdahl, Karen Walks, Bruce
Young Bird, Blaine Fox, Marcia White
Eagle, Jeanette Reimer, Polly Chase, Ina Mae
Driver, Callie Baker, Hope Fragoza, Marlene
Fox, Arlene Charging

Graveside Farewell Song

