

Marcella was born on March 16, 1926 in Rosebud, SD to Ellis Swalley and Millie Menard. She died on May 27, 2020 in Vermillion. She lived a remarkable life of over 94 years. In her earlier years, Marcella was an elevator attendant at Howard Johnson in Rapid. While raising children, she and Joe were very active with the bowling league where she qualified for the national tournament in Las Vegas. She also worked alongside Russell Means in the CAP program and served as a teacher's aide in Okreek. After the death of Joe, she moved to Huron and became both a full-time student and college counselor. She graduated from Huron College with a dual degree in criminal justice and sociology.

Marcella always had a special place in her heart for St. Francis Mission, her experience there gave her a solid foundation of prayer and devotion that helped her throughout her life. Marcella enjoyed a full life including serving as the Commissioner of Indian Affairs for Governor Bill Janklow and as an assistant to the warden at the SD Penitentiary. When she retired, she moved back to Antelope Community where she continued to lead an active political and social life. She served on the Rosebud casino gaming commission and the board of the White Buffalo Calf Woman Society. Marcella enjoyed travelling and especially liked to visit her daughter Kathy at her various military posts including Hawaii and Germany where she was able to fulfill a lifelong dream of visiting the Pope. She also enjoyed sports, attending basketball games and tournaments following the careers of her son, Red, and her grandson, Eldon Marshall. She truly enjoyed playing poker. You could always count on Marcella to pray for you; most Sundays she waited patiently to receive communion from her nephew Opie.

Marcella is survived by her children: Leonard "Sarge" Red Hair, Joseph Cephus Prue, Jr., Alex "Red" Prue, Sr., and his wife, Cheryl Crazy Bull, Daniel Prue, Sr., Samuel Prue, Kathy and her husband, Doug Owens. She was preceded in death by her husband, Joe Prue, Sr.; mother, Millie Menard Schweigman; children, Faye, Freddie, Mike, Kenny, Mona Lisa; and siblings, Armene, Pearl, Julian, Gene, Zondo, and Leroy Swalley. She leaves behind many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchild, nieces, nephews, other relatives and good friends who will miss the joy in her face when she saw them. There is no doubt her family was her joy and love. She always reminded them to "love each other."



In Loving Memory Of

Marcella

1926 ~ 2020

In Celebration Of Life
Marcella Evelyn Swalley Prue

March 16, 1926 ~ May 27, 2020

Oh God, my Strength, I ask You to pour out that peace that Your Son Jesus shared when He walked on earth. Pour out that tranquility of heart and spirit, that unruffled calm, in spite of calamities and life-changes and all the pressures and stresses of life. May Your peace sustain my heart through sacrifice and pain and struggle. In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Services

Marcella's Residence, Antelope Community
Wake: Sunday ~ May 31, 2020 ~ 4:00-9:30pm
Prayer Service/Music @ 7:00pm

Graveside: Monday, June 1, 2020 @ 12:00 noon
St. Thomas Catholic Cemetery in Mission, SD
Prayers by Fr. Jacob Boddicker, S.J.

Pallbearers

Joe Prue, III	Christy Red Hair
Megan Prue	DJ Prue
Zachary Owens	Alex Prue, Jr.
Mike Prue	Talisa Prue

Honorary Bearers

Marcella's beloved Grandchildren,
Great Grandchildren, Great-Great Grandchildren,
Nieces and Nephews

Arrangements By
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