



Cheryl J. "Cherry" Wright

November 23, 1932 - July 3, 2017

NORFOLK -- Funeral service for Cheryl J. "Cherry" Wright, 84, of Norfolk will be held at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, July 8, 2017 at the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska in Norfolk located at 1800 Syracuse Ave, Norfolk, NE 68701. Visitation will be held 4:00-7:00 p.m., Thursday, July 6 at the Ponca Tribe in Norfolk and also 4:00-7:00 p.m., Friday at the Ponca Tribe in Norfolk. Private family burial will be held at a later date. Cheryl died Monday, July 3, 2017 at the Community Pride Care Center in Battle Creek. Stonacek Funeral Chapel in Norfolk is in charge of the arrangements.

Cheryl "Cherry" was born November 23, 1932 in Verdel, Nebraska to Daniel and Ella (Knudsen) Laravie. She was raised in Verdel and attended the local area schools as well as a short stint at Stephan Indian Mission in Stephan South Dakota. She married Adolph Wright and they settled in Norfolk, Nebraska.

As the great-granddaughter of Ponca leader Chief Standing Bear, Cherry exhibited several of her ancestor's traits and abilities. Cherry had a strong belief in the goodness of people and offered a helping hand whenever someone needed one. She didn't miss a chance to radiate positivity to those around her and could easily spin situations from sadness to happiness because she knew that everyone needed happiness in their lives. Cherry spent the majority of her adulthood raising her children and a few grandchildren but instilled the importance of family in all of her descendants. Over the years, Cherry secretly served as the voice of reason for many of her

friends and family members, giving them the gentle push they needed. She also stood beside them as they faced and overcame obstacles and barriers in their lives. Cherry was never one for the spotlight but had the personality and spirit that made her presence known whenever she was in the room. She was an avid music fan, a lifelong teacher, and quiet warrior.

She is survived by 11 of her children: son Thomas (Marilyn) Wright of Norfolk, son Richard (Beverly) Wright of Norfolk, son John (Florence) Wright of Norfolk, daughter Laurel (Wright) Bear of Magnet, son Daniel Wright of Wagner SD, son Marty (Mary) Wright of Norfolk, daughter Lynn (Matt) Paulsen of Battle Creek, son Clayton Wright of Columbus, son Aaron Wright of Lincoln, son Charles Wright of Columbus, daughter Jeannine (Jerry) Velasquez of Norfolk, 51 grandchildren, 64 great-grandchild, and 4 great great-grandchildren, sister Francine (Buffalo Chief) White of Mission SD, and brother Elliott Buffalo Chief of Sioux City IA.

She is preceded in death by her husband Adolph Wright, parents Daniel Laravie Sr. and Ella Buffalo Chief, daughters Kathlyn and Cherine, sister Patricia Buffalo Chief, Brothers Daniel Laravie Jr. and Ralph Buffalo Chief, and grandchildren: William Wright, Richard Wright Jr., Lacey Wright, and Justice Wright.

Condolences may be expressed to the family on-line at www.stonacekfuneralchapel.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 6. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Ponca Tribe of Nebraska-Norfolk
1800 Syracuse Avenue
Norfolk, NE 68701
<https://www.poncatribene.org/>

Visitation

JUL 7. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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Service

JUL 8. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Cheryl J. "Cherry" Wright

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