



Helen Clara Woods (November 26, 1928 - December 18, 2016) Helen C. Woods, 88, of Tower, died Sunday, December 18, 2016 at Essentia Health St. Mary's in Duluth. Visitation will begin on Wednesday, December 21, 2016 at Vermilion Family Wellness Center at 5:00 pm and continue until the funeral time at 10:00 am on Thursday, December 22, 2016. Gilbert Smith will be the spiritual leader. Burial will take place at Tower Vermilion Reservation Cemetery. Helen was born in Winton and grew up in both Embarrass and Pike Sandy. Helen was a Bois Forte Band Member. She most loved her time with family and friends, traveling, followed by using her unrelenting luck at the penny slots. Helen took pride in knitting and crocheting heartwarming gifts. She loved to feed us from her garden-- especially her canned tomatoes and spaghetti sauce. She also made the most delicious potiça, bread, and pies. Helen loved her horses, playing accordion and guitar, hunting for agates, and nourishing her insatiable curiosity for the world. Helen was selfless. She was an extremely strong and patient mother who has enjoyed the love of four generations. Special thanks to those who helped care for Helen from Bois Forte, Virginia and Duluth Essentia Health centers and especially Pam Cerar, Raini Maari and Dr. Friday. She is survived by: Children: Sandi Walter Paul Walter (Barbara Frones) Janet (Doug Ellis) Walter Victor (Jeffery Sarro) Walter Kenneth (Joellen) Walter Stacy (Kevin Ketter) Strehlow Christina Woods (Mitchell Roby) Shannon Woods 25 Grandchildren 37 Great Grandchildren 6 Great-Great Grandchildren Numerous nieces and nephews She was preceded in death by her parents, Samuel and Clara; siblings, Victor Wirta, Mae Peltenon, Warner Wirta, William Wirta, Robert Wirta, Edward Wirta, Sylvia Johnson, and Myrtle Johnson; first husband, Eugene Walter; second husband, Curtiss Woods; infant son; and great grandson, Tristan Strehlow.