



Anita Yellowtail Morin

December 31, 1931 - March 22, 2021

Anita Yellowtail Morin, Baatate'hche (Has Good Knowledge) quietly passed to the Other Side Camp surrounded in song by her son Cary and daughter-in-law Celeste on Monday March 22, 2021. She passed away from complications of Covid 19 and Pneumonia. While in the Fort Collins Hospital, she told her son to tell everyone who prayed for her "thank you." She also said, "do not be sad, I have lived a very good life."

Anita was the daughter of Robert Summers and Margaret "Maggie" Tobacco Yellowtail. She was the last of the Robert Yellowtail family siblings.

Born on December 31, 1931, Anita was a very creative young lady. She was very involved as a young girl in the family ranch; riding horses, herding cattle and just enjoying riding in the country where she roamed the mountains and "red hills" at the Lodge Grass Creek Canyon.

"Has Good Knowledge" graduated from Lodge Grass High School and went to Haskell Indian Nations University in Lawrence, KS. She later married the "Love of her Life," Leslie Morin, and traveled the world with him always landing back home in Montana. Together they have three boys, Leslie, Bob (Helen) and Cary (Celeste) Morin.

In her life, she was a very talented artist. She did outstanding beadwork and during her later years, learned to paint portraits and weave baskets. She was a person who was close to God and was active in church. She had many

church friends who are going to miss her charming smile and infinite “wisdom.”

Has Good Knowledge was very interested in genealogy. She worked very meticulously in creating a “book” of her father and mother’s family tree. Following strong traditional and cultural values, she made sure her children and grandchildren were given the opportunity to participate in powwows. She was the maker and keeper of all of the family’s beautiful regalia. Anita was one of the original founders of the annual Northern Colorado Inter-tribal Powwow Association held in Ft. Collins, CO.

Upon the passing of her beloved husband, Les, Anita relocated to Fort Collins, Colorado to be nearer to her son and grandchildren. As a 30-year member of the Fort Collins community, Anita was extremely well loved and embraced by her “adopted” home. She has been an integral member of the Fort Collins community, serving and volunteering in her grandchildren’s schools, for various music events and festivals, loaning artifacts to the local museum, and always serving others.

Has Good Knowledge was preceded in death by her father and mother; husband, her siblings Lorena Yellowtail Walks Over Ice, Robert “Jiggs” Yellowtail, Winona Yellowtail Plenty Hoops, Joy Yellowtail Toineeta, Majorie Yellowtail Steffes, Bufford Yellowtail, Laura Tobacco He Does It, Vernon, Tommy and Ruth Tobacco.

Survivors include her sons Leslie Duane, Bob Edward (Helen), Cary Lewis (Celeste Di Iorio) Morin. Grandchildren: Margaret Summers Thompson, Tad Thomas Morin, Tanna Chienne Morin, Lindsey Morin, Nicole Rene (Philip) Cash, and Elias Edward Nye. Great grandchildren: Mason Lyric O’Shea, Canyon Summers Skye Kovach, Michael Warren Ranieri, Nova Leigh Cash, and John William Pierre Cash.

Extended family includes Blue Cloth family of Canada, Du Chienne, Tobacco, Pickett, He Does It, Bends, Walks Over Ice, Takes Gun, Whiteman Runs Him, Top of the Moccasin, Plays, Washakie, Old Coyote, One Goose, and Hogan. Please accept our apologies if we have missed anyone. It gives us great comfort to know that you are thinking of us. Your kindness and compassion mean a great deal to us.

The family wishes to thank Poudre Valley Hospital staff, all of the friends and family, and our extended music family all over the world.

Tribute Wall

TW

“ *My heart felt thoughts to Anita's family. She was dear to me as a yoga student of mine. She shared her singing with me. What a beautiful soul and deep hearted woman. My heart is full and heavy with knowing her passing. I wish I'd known earlier but her energy is always in my heart.*

Tink Weeks - October 27, 2021 at 09:13 PM

CK

“ *I am so sad to come across this. I was a neighbor for a long time but moved out to Windsor 3 years ago. I took care of Anita's computer issues and questions. Always loved helping her and talking with her. She will be missed.*

*Chris Kulick
MHZ Systems*

Chris Kulick - July 27, 2021 at 06:25 PM

SK

“ Cary and family, sad to learn just recently of Anita's passing. Bill & I attended several veteran's breakfasts together at the Senior in Fort Collins.
Anita was a member of our Water Lilies water exercises group and also the art & craft group. We all enjoyed seeing her beading, making the little moccasins for her grand children and great grand children and many other of her art works
We loved to hear her stories and experiences with her tribe. One of my favorites of her art pieces, was her painting of Gramma Yellowtail. I will always cherish a thank you basket and note she made for me. Such a unique sweet lady and friend for many years. The thoughts and prayers from our hearts be with you and your family.
Sandy and Bill Kuhns
Plus all of the Water Lilies

Sandy and Bill Kuhns - April 06, 2021 at 10:50 PM

BH

“ I always loved Anita's beautiful smile, kind soul, and gentle spirit when she would visit the Fort Collins Museum. She was a strong and beautiful woman. Peace, love and light to her family and friends.

Beth Higgins - March 29, 2021 at 05:55 PM

KB

“ I never had the privilege of making the acquaintance of Has Good Knowledge, but my husband, Nick Biersteker, had met her on a few occasions during her visits to her son, Les, in Monterey, CA. He liked her very much and had great respect for her personal qualities and knowledge of people and life. May she Rest In Peace. Kathleen Biersteker - Pacific Grove, CA

Kathleen Biersteker - March 26, 2021 at 08:04 PM

AR

“ She was my dear friend, more like a sister. She n Les were strong supporters when I was in Helena during my Legislature days. After Les passed, we still had fun at Legislative social events, even cooking a Chinese dish for our Chinese New Year celebration. I will miss her but I know she was ready to go home. My sincere condolences to the family. She was so proud of all of you.

Angela Russell - March 26, 2021 at 12:11 PM

VI

“ I didn't know Has Good Knowledge long in this life, but we always shared a smile and a love of music. I will miss her smile.

viola - March 24, 2021 at 10:33 PM

TM

“ So so sorry for your familys' loss, going out to pray for you and yours.

Tara Martin - March 24, 2021 at 08:18 PM

JH

May your grief be lessened through good memories & the knowledge that she walks in you.

Janice Hale-Hobby - March 24, 2021 at 09:55 PM

JS

May you be comforted knowing she is welcomed home to the other camp by loved ones. Prayers of comfort sent to you all.

Jonny BearCub Stiffarm - March 26, 2021 at 07:57 AM

SF

*I knew Anita (Kalaa to my sister's family, once she had great grandkids) through family ties with her grandkids/great grandkids. She always impressed me with her faithfulness in making it to and acknowledging everyone's special events- whether holidays or Birthdays (even at rowdy kid gatherings)! Such a beautiful combination of strength and humility, and a steadfast enjoyment of life. I pray that you all will find an anchor in holding on to her parting words.... indeed, she lived a good life, and would want you to have gratitude, along with her, for the ways in which she was blessed and has blessed others.
Shelly Thompson Fletcher*

Shelly Thompson Fletcher - March 26, 2021 at 03:42 PM

CI

Thank you all for your kind words. We appreciate your friendship with Anita. We miss her every day and take comfort in knowing that she is still watching over us all.

Celeste Di Iorio - April 22, 2021 at 04:00 PM

AM

I will miss her directly. she was a family member (indian way) she was such a kind hearted woman. i knew back in the late 1969 whine my parents Jim and Artie McRae were stationed in Mcclourd AFB, Washington. Peace be with her and her family...michelle Mcrae.

ardis michelle mcrae - October 06, 2023 at 04:00 PM