



Obituary

Born: Thursday, April 1, 1948

Died: Monday, December 21, 2020

Maureen Pearl “Kelly” Swaney, 72, passed away December 21, 2020 at Community Hospital in Missoula, Montana due to COVID complications. She was born March 1, 1948, to Juanita and Joseph James Swaney. Kelly was a proud member of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes.

Kelly spent her childhood growing up in the family home in Hot Springs. Her favorite memories were growing up and playing with her cousins The Grays. She graduated from Dixon High School, earning the title of Homecoming Queen and Salutatorian of her graduating class. Kelly was also a cheerleader and was known to break out in cheer “Dixon Demons are red hot!” She graduated from the University of Montana in Missoula Montana with a Bachelor’s degree in social work.

Kelly married Camille Matt from this union, Juanita Angelic Swaney was born. Kelly and Camille later divorced.

Kelly held various professional positions within the CSKT including; Associate Judge, Social Worker with Tribal Social Services in ICWA (Indian Child Welfare Act) and Child Protection, Juvenile Probation Officer, Fish & Game Secretary, Fire Control (fire look-out), Dorm RA at KHJCC, South Fork gate keeper, General Assistance and Trust Manager, HRD Summer Program, Counselor, SKC Nursing Recruiter, and Director of Fairbank Native Cooperation in Alaska.

She is welcomed home by her parents (Jay and Juanita),

Service Summary

Rosary

11:00 AM Mon Dec 28, 2020

Foster Funeral Home & Crematory
216 Project Drive
St Ignatius, MT 59865

Grandparents (Pearl and Lawrence Pablo, and Mary Catherine and JD Swaney), niece Amber Sorrell, nephews Arnold Swaney & Steven Swaney, brothers James Jay Swaney & Douglas Swaney & Dan Swaney (Cricky), sisters Bonnie Swaney (Chi Chi) & Colleen Swaney (EO).

Kelly is survived by her daughter Juanita, Sister Beverly Swaney, niece Naomi Branson & Yaya Ozias, nephew Lawrence Swaney (Lacy) and three little girls Louella, Meira, and Persephyne, nephews John Heuter & Doug Heuter, many nieces, cousins and extended family. She especially loved caring for her great nieces, London Licht & Misty Galarneau.

Rosary will be held at Foster Funeral Home at 8pm & Funeral at St Ignatius Catholic Church at 11am on Monday December 28, 2020