

OBITUARIES



CLINTON J. BRUNELLE
May 13, 1977 - Apr. 27, 2026

ROLLA — Clinton Brunelle, age 48, of Rolla, ND passed away on Monday, April 27, 2026 at Sanford Hospital, Bismarck, ND.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held at 10:00 AM on Thursday, May 7, 2026 at St. Ann's Catholic Church, Belcourt, ND with a Rosary Service at 9:00 AM prior to the funeral mass. Meal to follow after funeral services at the KC Hall, Belcourt, ND.

Clinton J. Brunelle was born on May 13, 1977 in Belcourt, ND to Alan Blue and Theresa (Brunelle) Parisien. When he was little the pots and pans in the cabinets were played as drums, even though he could barely crawl. We knew we had a drummer. He was raised in Belcourt with his father's side of family as they all were close like siblings. Completing his education at Turtle Mountain High School in 1996. We always knew he was gifted in music as attended state competitions all 4 years of high school. Clinton furthered his education at United Tribes Technical College in Bismarck for his CDL certificate, Northwestern College in Grand Forks for computer science, and Turtle Mountain College for carpentry as well as an associate's degree in science and art.

He worked in maintenance at the TMBC tribal office and then for two years on the bridge project in New Town. Clinton was beautiful musician who was gifted at playing the drums, often playing with local bands. He loved traveling with bands to many different places. He enjoyed time outdoors fishing with family, friends and all the time spent with his family members,

especially being a wonderful uncle and cousin. Clinton "Chipper" will always be lovingly remembered and greatly missed by many family and friends.

Clinton is survived by his mother, Theresa 'Parisien' Brunelle of Belcourt; father, Alan Blue of Belcourt; children, Kendall Charging of Montana, Britton Brunelle of California, and Braydon Brunelle of North Dakota; and a brother, Alan Brunelle of North Dakota, and Levi LaRocque and many nieces/nephews.

Clinton was preceded in death by his son, Wyatt DeCoteau, maternal and paternal grandparents, Eugene 'Jobey' Brunelle and Mary Ann Blue, Francis Martin Parisien and Anabelle Dussume, aunts, Sharon Parisien and Sheila Desjarlais and uncles, Arthur Brunelle and Eugene 'Guy' Brunelle Jr., Godfather, James A. Parisien, and cousins.

Arrangements were with Elick Funeral Home, Rolla, ND.



RESA SWAIN
Nov. 25, 1978 — Apr. 28, 2026

PARSHALL — Resa Swain, age 47, of Parshall, ND passed away on Tuesday, April 28, 2026 at Sanford Hospital, Bismarck, ND.

Visitation began at 5:00 PM on Monday, May 4, 2026 at St. Ann's Catholic Church, Belcourt, ND with a Rosary Service at 7:00 PM led by Patty Allery.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, May 5, 2026 at 10:00 AM at St. Ann's Catholic Church, Belcourt, ND with Father Sam Medley presiding. A meal followed the funeral services at Fiddler's Hall, Belcourt, ND.

Casket Bearers were Dylan Nadeau, Chris Newholly, Ethan

Morin, Chris Campbell, Steven "LJ" Nadeau, and Devon Short.

Eulogy given by Jerilyn "Chickie" Wilkie. Scriptural Readers were Crystal Short and Sheylene Gourneau.

Eucharistic Gifts presented by Kayleigh Swain and Ayvah Morin.

Special Music provided by Alvin Poitra and Lou Ann Slater. Drum group was Sloughfoot.

Resa Gayle Swain was born on November 25, 1978 in Belcourt, ND to Frederick and Theresa (Peltier) Swain. She was raised in Belcourt where she also completed her education and built the foundation of a life centered on family.

Resa was a devoted and proud mother of her five children - Donald, Jocelynn, ReAnne, Dontay, and Abbey - who were the greatest joy of her life. She cherished every moment spent with them and held her family close to her heart.

Throughout her life, Resa worked in a variety of roles, including bartending, working at Taco John's, and working at a local grocery store. No matter where she worked, she brought warmth and kindness to those around her.

Resa found happiness in life's simple pleasures. She loved dancing, spending time outdoors fishing and camping, hosting cookouts, and attending festivals. She also enjoyed playing pool and swimming - activities that reflected her lively spirit. She was the life of the party.

Resa will be lovingly remembered for her warmth, her strength, and the deep love she shared with those around her. She will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.

Resa is survived by her children, Donald (Diandra) Swain of Parshall, Jocelynn (Christopher) McBride-Campbell of Minot, ReAnne Swain of Parshall, Dontay Swain of Parshall, and Abbey Thomas of Parshall; four grandchildren, Kayleigh Swain, Octavia McBride, Waaseyaa Campbell, and Aubrey Hernandez; siblings, Jeff (Joanne) Grant of Belcourt, Sandra Short of Belcourt, Denise Swain of TN, and Walter Grant of Jamestown; and many nieces and nephews.

Resa was preceded in death by her parents, Frederick and Theresa Swain and her siblings, Elizabeth LaFromboise, Andrew Grant, Freddie Swain, David Grant, Charlene Grant, Louis Swain, and Dale Grant.

Arrangements were with Elick Funeral Home, Rolla, ND.



NICOLE "NIKKI" DECOTEAU

Nov 30, 1977 - Apr. 28, 2026

MINOT — Nicole DeCoteau, 48, Minot, passed away Tuesday, April 28, 2026, at Trinity Hospital.

Visitation for Nicole began on Tuesday, May 5, 2026, from 3-5 p.m. at Thompson-Larson Funeral Home, Minot.

Funeral Services were held on Wednesday, May 6, 2026, at 11 am at Bethany Lutheran Church, Minot.

Interment was at Sunset Memorial Gardens, Minot.

Nicole "Nikki" Christine DeCoteau was born November 30, 1977, the daughter of Allen R. DeCoteau and Jenell Serr, in Fargo, ND. She was raised and educated in Minot, ND.

Nicole was united in marriage to David Gay on June 27, 2009. They made their home in Minot, where together they had two children, Autumn Marie and David Gerald.

Nicole furthered her education by attending Colorado Tech, where she graduated in November of 2025, with highest honors and a Bachelor of Science degree in Human Resources.

Nicole loved life and lived to the fullest. She enjoyed traveling, attending Pow-Wow's, and decorating for the holidays. She absolutely loved spending time with her grandson Oliver and watching his activities. Nicole was an excellent cook, was very giving, and always put everyone else's needs in front of her own.

Her loving family includes: mother, Jenell Serr; children, Autumn Marie, David DeCoteau; and grandson Oliver. She was preceded in death by her father, Allen DeCoteau; maternal grandparents, Robert and Inez Serr.

Arrangements were with Thompson-Larson Funeral Home, Minot, ND.

Geraldine worked as a juvenile probation officer for the BIA in Belcourt for many years. She loved time spent with her family members where she enjoyed sharing and listening to stories. Geraldine liked the outdoors, gardening, planting her flowers, yardwork, and even small visitors that frequented her yard every year.

She was a wonderful cook and was a devout Catholic, centering her life around her strong faith. Geraldine was dearly loved by her family members and by many people in the community. She will be forever missed.

Geraldine is survived by her brother, George Sr. (Cecelia) Azure of Dunseith; sister, Josephine Hall of Dunseith; and many nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews, and great great nieces and nephews, whom she dearly loved.

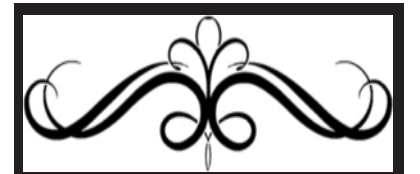
Geraldine was preceded in death by her parents, Harry and Lena Azure, sister, Charlene Fluhrer and infant sister, Cecelia Azure.

Arrangements are with Elick Funeral Home, Rolla, ND.

Leah (Bobby) Brien, LeRoy Jeannotte Jr.; grandkids, Sheena (Krista) Twohearts, Nakiia, Kee-lai, Kylan, Warren, Raiden, and Zia; brothers and sister, Joseph (Marlene) Jeannotte, Benny (Arlene) Jeannotte, Kevy (Pat) Jeannotte, Madonna Yokley, and Daryl Jeannotte; aunt, Shirley Langan; and many nieces, nephews, and relatives.

LeRoy was preceded in death by his parents, Wilfred and Josephine Jeannotte, wife, Janet Jeannotte, grandson, Charlie LaVallie, siblings, Duane "Pickles" Jeannotte, Keith Jeannotte, and Clayton Jeannotte, uncles, Kenny Langan, Art Daigneault, Joseph Daigneault, and George Daigneault, and sister-in-law, Carol Jeannotte.

Arrangements were with Elick Funeral Home, Rolla, ND.



DEATH NOTICES



LEROY A. JEANNOTTE
July 26, 1942 - May 3, 2026

MINOT — LeRoy Arthur Jeannotte, age 83, of Minot, ND passed away peacefully on Sunday, May 3, 2026 at his home.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held at 10:00 AM on Friday, May 8, 2026 at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, St. John, ND with visitation beginning at 8:00 AM and Rosary Service at 9:00 AM prior to the funeral mass.

Burial followed the funeral services at Holy Cross Cemetery, St. John, ND, with Father Richard Fineo presiding. Military Honors conducted by the Lilley-Dionne American Legion Post #262 of Belcourt, ND.

LeRoy Arthur Jeannotte was born on July 26, 1942 in St. John, ND to Wilfred and Josephine (Daigneault) Jeannotte. He was raised in St. John and completed his education there. He furthered his education at college in Devils Lake for one year. LeRoy enlisted in the United States Army in 1961 and received an honorable discharge in 1963. LeRoy joined the Bureau of Indian Affairs in Belcourt, ND in 1968. He had a very rewarding career at the BIA and retired in 1995, in Fort Duchesne, Utah as a police captain. In retirement he was employed by the International Grand Hotel in Minot, ND. He was united in marriage to Janet Gourneau and together they had two children, LeRoy Jr. and Leah. LeRoy enjoyed working on model airplanes, watching Nascar and basketball. He especially enjoyed music by Buddy Holly. He had a large memorabilia collection of the 70's and 80's music. He loved the outdoors, gardening, planting flowers, and cooking outdoors. He liked holidays spent with his family and friends. He was always proud of his children and their accomplishments. LeRoy will be lovingly remembered and greatly missed.

LeRoy is survived by children,



PEGGY OLSON
July 31, 1965 - May 6, 2026

ROLLA — Peggy Sue Olson, age 60, of Rolla, ND passed away on Wednesday, May 6, 2026 at Quentin Burdick Memorial Hospital, Belcourt, ND.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:00 AM on Wednesday, May 13, 2026 at St. Ann's Catholic Church, Belcourt, ND with visitation beginning at 8:00 AM and Rosary Service at 9:00 AM prior to the funeral mass with Father Samuel Medley officiating. Burial will follow in St. Ann's Catholic Cemetery, Belcourt, ND. Father Samuel Medley officiating.

Arrangements are with Elick Funeral Home, Rolla, ND.



COLETTE POITRA
Jan. 12, 1972 - May 7, 2026

BELCOURT — Colette Marie Poitra, age 54, of Belcourt, ND passed away on Thursday, May 7, 2026 at Sanford Hospital, Fargo, ND.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:00 AM on Thursday, May 14, 2026 at St. Ann's Catholic Church, Belcourt, ND with visitation beginning at 8:00 AM and Rosary Service at 9:00 AM prior to the funeral mass with Father Samuel Medley officiating. Burial will follow funeral services at St. Ann's Catholic Cemetery, Belcourt, ND. Arrangements are with Elick Funeral Home, Rolla, ND.

Lines from the Lighthouse



It's Only A Quarter

Greetings in the Name of Jesus Christ! I was thinking about how it's so good serving God and how much happier I have been since I turned my life around. Just the other day I was driving a company work truck with another co-worker. We were out in the country and I was going from a gravel road onto a paved highway. I didn't come to a complete stop at the stop sign and my co-worker jokingly said "that was a nice stop". I then replied "we are out in the country it doesn't matter". The meaning being that nobody else was around to see me as I didn't follow the law of the land. As I drove away I thought to myself "even though there was no cops around, I'm still required to stop at a stop sign." **Matthew 7:15-16** says "Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles?" I began to think of it in a different perspective and apply that to my Christian walk.

There are times when I'm not around anybody from the church and even at these times I don't let myself slip up at all. Jesus said in **Matthew**

7:16 that "you will know them by their fruits". He was saying that you can tell a lot about a person by how they act. **II Corinthians 8:21** says "Providing for honest things, not only in the sight of the Lord, but also in the sight of men." This is a story that I came across I hope you enjoy it. God Bless!

It's Only A Quarter

Several years ago, a preacher from out of state accepted a call to a church in Houston, Texas. Some weeks after he arrived, he had an occasion to ride the bus from home to the downtown area. When he sat down, he discovered that the driver had accidentally given him a quarter too much change. As he considered what to do, he thought to himself "you'd better give the quarter back. It would be wrong to keep it." Then he thought "Oh, forget it, it's only a quarter. Who would worry about this little amount?" Anyway, the bus company gets too much fare; they will never miss it. Accept it as a gift from God and keep quiet. When his stop came, he paused momentarily at the door, then he handed the quarter to the driver and said "here, you gave me too much change". The driver, with a smile, replied "Aren't you the new preacher in town? I have been

thinking a lot about going somewhere to worship. I just wanted to see what you would do if I gave you too much change. I'll see you Sunday." When the preacher stepped off of the bus, he literally grabbed the nearest light pole held on and said, "Oh God, I almost sold your Son for a quarter"! Our lives are the only Bible some people will ever read. This is really scary example of how much people watch us as Christians and will put us to the test! Always be on guard and remember that you carry the name of Christ on your shoulders when you call yourself a "Christian".

Watch your thoughts; they become words.
Watch your words; they become actions.
Watch your actions; they become habits.
Watch your habits; they become character.
Watch your character; because it will determine your destiny!

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GERALDINE T. AZURE
July 19, 1951 - May 5, 2026

DUNSEITH — Geraldine Theresa Azure, age 74, of Dunseith, ND passed away peacefully on Tuesday, May 5, 2026 at Heart of America Hospital, Rugby, ND.

A visitation will begin at 5:00 PM on Monday, May 11, 2026 at St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church, Dunseith, ND with a Rosary Service at 7:00 PM.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, May 12, 2026 at St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church, Dunseith, ND with Father Samuel Medley presiding.

Casket Bearers are George Azure Jr., Jaymin Williams, Jarrid Azure, Tayden Azure, Randy Fluhrer, David Fluhrer, Everette Fluhrer Jr., and Virgil Schroeder Jr.

Geraldine Theresa Azure was born on July 19, 1951 in Belcourt, ND to Harry and Lena (Gunville) Azure. She was raised in Dunseith and completed her education there as well, furthering her education for two years at Lake Region College in Devils Lake and finishing her bachelor degree at University of North Dakota in Grand Forks.

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