



GEORGENE ESTHER LaPOINTE BREWER
 Born July 9, 1917 in Rapid City, SD to Stella Dora Twiss and James LaPointe. Passed away peacefully in loving surroundings at home in Tucson AZ August 26, 2007.
 Esther, as she preferred being called, grew up in South Dakota with a longing for the Southwest. She attended schools in Rocky Ford and Rapid City, SD and graduated high school from Flandreau Indian School, Flandreau, SD. She then attended Haskell Institute in Lawrence KS for two years, where she acquired her vocational skills. Her first employment as a clerk/stenographer was at the Bureau of Indian Affairs Indian Hospital on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation. Esther also worked at the Pine Ridge Agency Office. During her career in Pine Ridge, she married Clement Robert Brewer and they had seven children together, but suffered the loss of their firstborn in infancy. In 1953, Clement and Esther had the opportunity to head southwest, so they packed up their six children and the family dog, Curly and moved to Los Angeles, CA. There Esther worked in the accounting department of Douglas Aircraft in Torrance, CA.

Before long she was presented with the chance to work for the US Government again in northwestern Arizona at the Bureau of Indian Affairs Truxton Canon Agency. It seemed to fulfill her dream of settling in the Southwest, so on February 14, 1954 the Brewer family fittingly relocated to Valentine, AZ. There Esther and Clement lived and worked for twenty five years. In 1979, Esther retired from BIA with 38 years of federal service. Clement also retired and they moved to Tucson, AZ where they lived out their days.

Esther was preceded in death by a son, Russell Charles in 1939 and her husband, Clement in 1993; also both parents, a sister, Frances Bell; brother, James LaPointe Jr.; brother, William Bell and grandson, Anthony Mejia.

She is survived by her six children, Margaret Mejia of Apple Valley, CA; Lloyd Brewer of Phoenix, AZ; Carmen Jacobs of Topeka, KS; Maureen (Jim) Scott of Eureka, CA; Eileen Wilson and Jim (Ginger) Brewer of Tucson, AZ; 22 grandchildren, 50 great-grandchildren, 14 great-great-grandchildren and her loving and loyal feline companions, Roar and Max.

Throughout her life, Esther was fiercely proud of her Lakota heritage, and strove to instill that pride and knowledge of the culture in her children and grandchildren.

Esther Brewer's life was celebrated by loving family and friends on August 30, 2007 at **DESERT SUNSET FUNERAL HOME** with interment at Holy Hope Cemetery in Tucson, AZ. In her remembrance, donations may be made to Animal Rescue Foundation (ARF), 2890 Mitchell Drive, Walnut Creek, CA 94598.

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