



Verna L. LaBarge

August 4, 1942 - June 17, 2017

Verna Lee, Benashiiquay (Thunderbird Woman) LaBarge, age 74, of Lac du Flambeau, passed away on Saturday, June 17, 2017 at her home. She was born on August 4, 1942 in Hayward, WI, the daughter of Vernon and Marian (nee Peterson) Smith. Verna had a passion for family gatherings and spontaneous casino adventures and was an avid pool shark. She worked through GLITC, Inc. for 15 years, serving the 11 tribes of Wisconsin and 1 in Michigan. Verna is survived by her sons, Walter R. LaBarge (Rose) and Edmond B. LaBarge; daughters, Angeline E. Williams, Dorrie A. Valliere (Scott Valliere), Rebecca S. LaBarge and June E. LaBarge; brother, Milton (Joby) Smith; sisters Wendelin (Wendy) Smith and Althea (Tia) LaBarge; 22 grandchildren and 40 great grandchildren. Traditional Native American Services were held from Monday, June 19, 2017 until Tuesday, June 20, 2017 at Verna's Home in Lac du Flambeau.