



## Ciara Anne Montoya

April 20, 1978 - February 2, 2021

aka “Lady Blaze” “Ise-Maut II”

Ciara Ann Montoya, age 42, of Bellingham, passed away on February 2, 2021. She was born on April 20, 1978 in Bellingham to Paul Montoya and Gloria Washington.

She graduated from Lummi Nation High School and attended Northwest Indian College. Ciara was a homemaker all her life.

She loved to go to secondhand stores shopping with mom or rummaging as mom called it. She would always drive mom to summer pow-wows across Washington State and the one she enjoyed the most was the Mission pow-wows in Canada. Ciara was a crafty person who enjoyed beading, making tie-dye shirts with the kids. She loved being a beautician doing hair and make-up.

Ciara was loved by many and made friends easily. She was a jokester, full of laughter and a loving caring person with a huge giving heart. Ciara was such an awesome caregiver to our family taking care of our grandpa, grandma, aunts, and uncles.

After years of trying, she became a mother to her beautiful baby girl Whitney Morningstar. She was so happy when she found out she was pregnant and

having a girl because she wanted to surprise her sister Angel and name her baby girl after her late niece Whitney Jamie Scarborough.

She was a second mom to all her nieces and nephews. They were her pride and joy always spoiling them. Taking them to Bloedel and Lake Samish to go swimming. They would always go and cry to her when they would get in to trouble because auntie Ciara would always stick up for them and have their back.

She is survived by her daughter, Whitney Morningstar; mother Gloria Washington; husband, Walter Solomon; sisters Benita Montoya, Charlene Holycross, Laurinda Scarborough, Elaina "Angel" Scarborough (Gusto), Gloria Scarborough (Leesa) Celeste Jefferson, and Kim Scarborough; brothers James Scarborough Jr., Steve Scarborough, and Frank Solomon; nieces Clarinda and Erin Fryberg, Erika and Nadia Mosqueda, Jayda Phair, and Jamee Scarborough; nephews Sebastian Scarborough, Dustin Tom (Sarah), Logan Toby Sr. (Brandy), Anthony Casimir (Kayla), and Cylis, Ike, and Dane Scarborough; great-nieces Mackenzie Tom, Sabrina Scarborough, Ariel Anderson, Kaydence Kinggeorge, and Ophelia Reyna; and great-nephews Logan Toby Jr., Jaymz Tom, and Kylan Lee Toby.

Ciara is preceded in death by her father, Paul Montoya; stepfather, James Scarborough Sr.; brothers, Ike Scarborough, and Harold Scarborough; sisters, Shawneen Sanchez, Clarinda Scarborough, and Rhonda Scarborough; niece, Whitney Jamie Scarborough; nephew, Thomas Mosqueda; grandparents, William "Louie" and Laurinda Washington; uncles, Lawrence Washington, Theodore "Hoss" Washington, and Elliott Billy Sr.; aunts, Annie Fields and Joan Davis; and cousin "brother" Elliott Billy, Jr.

A procession will leave from Moles Funeral Home Ferndale at 10:00am on Monday, February 8, going to Lummi Nation Cemetery for a graveside service.



# Tribute Wall

JG

“ My heart aches for you, Gloria. Ciara was a delightful student in our class. Her positive attitude influenced many class members. May God comfort you during your time of grieving. Jack Groom

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**Jack Groom** - February 09, 2021 at 12:00 AM

PD

“ ...oh beautiful Ciara, my heart is sooo broken for your family and friends, who have already known so much sorrow and tragedy! Although only briefly acquainted, I developed a quick fondness for you. I enjoyed your company and the stories you shared, and your laugh was absolutely contagious! I remember you well. There was just something about you girl ..... made you outstanding!!

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**Pearl Dixon** - February 08, 2021 at 12:00 AM

DO

“ My condolences to family, sorry for your loss, beautiful gal. Take care.

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**Darlene Olsen** - February 08, 2021 at 12:00 AM

VH

“ Our Dear Friend – Last time we talked you said you were gonna head down south I said no don't go because of the UK covid I said BE CAREFUL. But glad we both got to say I Love You B4 you had to go just know that I am really gonna miss you but I feel how happy lke must really be. Take care & Rejoice in Paradise

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**Vicki Horn** - February 08, 2021 at 12:00 AM