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### **Roxanne Charlie**

Roxanne Charlie's spirit and essence made its rapid and strong travel over 150 participants at the Gathering and Sharing Wisdom Conference. She was strong in person and is even stronger in spirit. She stood up as protector of her truth and holder of her story. Her story was affirmed by the community and validated by the drumming of a warrior woman song. Roxanne wanted others to benefit and move forward by speaking her truth and knowledge. She carved a space with her words and also extended her wisdom to provide safe passage for others who may have or are walking to that space that brings people into the darkness.

Roxanne Charlie gave of herself generously, fully and completely. Roxanne Charlie speared her place in the earth and spoke her words and wisdom and they will endure on and provide safe passage for others. She demonstrated exceptional heart and courage and the love for family in trying to break cycles of colonization that impact us all. Roxanne Charlie, keep walking with your family, community and with all of us as spirit guide and warrior woman. We dedicate this journal to you, in your memory and spirit.