

Remembrance Day Steps



Yesterday I took a journey to a thrift shop, bought a small pair of moccasins, and some other children's shoes. I placed the four pairs of children's shoes on my front steps on this Remembrance Day and I plan to leave them there through October 6. I wasn't expecting the tearful emotions that welled up in me as I placed the shoes there. Tears for children I never knew, and tears for children I have known. Some grown to adults and some who died before new shoes were even needed. Children who cried for their mothers and mothers who pined for their children.

The power of ritual. Not just words...but actions....so powerful. I've been working on this project with you for months now. But this action.....this moment.....touched my heart, and my soul. These shoes are my morning prayer and my evening prayer this day. I will invite friends to pray there with me now. At the steps. Praying for a holy and blessed journey for little feet, both on earth, and in the spirit world.

September 30, 2021
Rev. Carol Lakota Eastin