

Parents



Carolyn Spotted Horse
[Crow]

my father was [diagnosed with cancer before me] . . . we never did talk about it. I mean we live together and we ate together and everything but we just never talked about it. It just happened to us and we just went on with our lives. We just never talked about it . . . we didn't pity each other or anything, we just expected each other to get through with what we're going through, because he was going through radiation too.

My mother has instilled . . . , Indian messages and . . . different Indian beliefs in us children . . . we grew up in an Indian church and . . . my family is still active in it. And anytime we have a problem, . . . or anytime we need prayer, we just pick up the phone or else go over there [Indian Church] and we're covered.



Cindy Thornton
[Western Cherokee]



Norma Staples
[Mandan]

. . . and then I told my mom. And she was all upset about it. . . like my oldest daughter she was really upset about it you know, and even now she said, 'mom are you sure you're all right 'cause I'm not ready for you to die.' I said 'I'm too ornery to die,' you know . . .