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Well, my name is April Fallis, my given name at birth, and I actually had like two names given to me, but the one that was given by my Hunka mother when my mother passed on was Nagi Wi, and that means, it's for short, is Spirit Woman, and there's a long name that comes with that, or where it came from, because what it actually means, what it is, is she who comes back and stands in front of us in a good strong way. So when I asked her, I said, is there a shorter way to say that? Because I said, I can't say all that, because it was a long word.

So she said, yeah, she said Nagi Wi, Spirit Woman, so, and you use the language for many different meanings, there's different meanings to it, so that was good for me. I was raised in a country, in the Big Bend community, part of the Fort Thompson, Dakota Sioux, and I was, I lived out there until I turned 18, and went to Fort Thompson, started getting out, got married in 1977, I believe it was, 78.

From that marriage, I have five children, and had struggles, so I went on down the road, and then after that, I got married again, and then had two more children. So I have seven children, I have 29 grandchildren, and one great-granddaughter, so being a total of 30.