

ZOE REDBIRD ZARTMAN

I dream that my granddaughter, Zoe Redbird Zartman, will grow strong in body and spirit. I expect her to draw upon her rare combination of Navajo and German ancestry for the determination to carry out her goals. I envision her as a leader.

The first Zartman to arrive in this country bought land from William Penn. Much later German immigrants endured hardships to move West and settle new lands. Zoe's maternal grandmother was forced to leave her Indian home for education in a boarding school. Her hair was cut short, she was forbidden to speak her Native language, and was treated as a second-class person. I want Zoe to know of her family history and have the education necessary to incorporate this knowledge into her life.

Zoe, at age four, is bright, observant, a quick learner, and has a zest for life. She has a strong sense of compassion and caring. Perhaps the fields of education or medical work would maximize this trait. She might chose to help her Native people maintain their language and learn of their traditions. She could teach children or adults in many fields. Zoe is very athletic - she might want to develop herself with the Olympics in mind.

Whatever her chosen path, Zoe will need higher education. A CollegenInvest Scholarship would provide her with a good basis. (Since I am 82 years old, I probably won't celebrate her graduation.) However I can help set her on the right course to get her started.