



God saw he was getting tired
And a cure was not to be,
So He put His arms around him
And whispered "Come with me."

With tearful eyes
We watched him suffer
And saw him fade away
Although we loved him dearly,
We would not make him stay.

A golden heart stopped beating,
Hard working hands to rest.
God broke our hearts to prove to us
He only takes the best.



Eagle Butte, South Dakota
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In Loving Memory of

JODY P. TAPLA

November 8, 1950
LaPlant, South Dakota

October 9, 2010
Minneapolis, Minnesota

WAKE SERVICE:

7:00 p.m., Sunday, October 17, 2010
HV Johnston Cultural Heritage Center
Eagle Butte, South Dakota

FUNERAL SERVICES:

1:00 p.m., Monday, October 18, 2010
HV Johnston Cultural Center
Eagle Butte, South Dakota

OFFICIATING:

Pastor James Rodgers & Pastor Jedediah Jezek

CASKETBEARERS:

John Lafferty, Jonathan Lafferty, Terry Arpan, Delaine Buffalo,
Chris Arpan, Cory Bridwell, Rodney Shaving, Mark Shaving,
Gerald Shaving, Robert Traversie

HONORARY CASKETBEARERS:

Robert Bartlett, Jennie LeBeau, Mike Shaving, Rita Shaving & Family, Rick
Laundreaux, Amy Marshall, Arlee & Delores High Elk & Family, Emery
Different Horse, Rosalyn & Swap Arpan, LeeAnn Bordeaux, Jenny & Garland
Maupin, Richard Bordeaux, Connie Bordeaux, Myra Lee, Gil Dog Eagle, Bob &
Patsy Marshall, Delbert Arpan, Albert Arpan, Rick Rousseau, Mike Rousseau,
Linda Frazier, Mindy Carter & Family, Mike & Patsy Bowker, Mark Iron Wing,
Delores & Alan High Pine, Florene Shaving & Family, Lynelle Low Dog, Kevin
Different Horse, Lori Garreaux, Connie Garreaux, Delbert Traversie, Holly
Bowker, Rene Bowker, Aaron Widow, Tommy Thompson, Collette Iron
Hawk, Anita Thompson & Family, S.C.I. Staff-Minneapolis, MN, CRST Support
Services Staff, Sally Jezek, Sharon Rodgers, Pauline Maganti, Markus Raba,
W.L. Thomas, Norma Shaving, Larry & Donna Charger & Family, Dave West,
Leon Red Dog, Kenny Marshall, Mary Good Eagle, Angela Fox, Violet Aragon,
Emery Fiddler, Sonya Shaving, American Legion Post 308, Veterans of the
Vietnam War, Cheyenne River Lakota Akicita, Disabled American Veterans

FAVORITE HYMN:

"Amazing Grace"

INTERMENT:

St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery
LaPlant, South Dakota

Jody Tapia, age 59, of LaPlant, was called home Saturday, October 9, 2010, at the Spinal Cord Injury Center of Minneapolis, MN. At the time of his death, Jody was surrounded by his daughter DeAnn, grandchildren, great grandson, son-in-law and mother.

Jody was born November 8, 1950 in LaPlant, SD to Joseph, Sr. and Mae (Different Horse) Tapio. He was the oldest of seven children. Jody was raised by his grandparents, Sam and Mabel Different Horse of LaPlant, attending school in LaPlant and the Stephan Mission Boarding School. After graduating, Jody enlisted in the US Army in 1968 during the Vietnam War as a Paratrooper of the M Company of the 75th Rangers. He received the National Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Vietnam Service Medal with 2 Bronze Service Stars, Combat Infantryman Badge 1st Award, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Ribbon, Expert Badge with Rifle Bar and the Korea Defense Service Medal.

In 1971, he married LeeAnn Bordeaux and to this union one daughter, DeAnn Marie Tapio, was born. In 1978, he met Sonya Jean Shaving. Though they never married, three children were born from this union: Waushara Paulette, Jeannie Marie and Patrick Joseph.

Jody worked as a Veteran's Service Officer and was an active member of the American Legion Post 308, the Veterans of the Vietnam War, the Cheyenne River Lakota Akicita and the Disabled American Veterans.

He enjoyed reading, listening to music, watching movies, attending Powwows and spending time with his family and friends. Jody enjoyed every minute spent with his kids and grandkids. He was always smiling and laughing and lighting up the room with his humor. He always made it a priority to take care of his kids and grandkids. His grandchildren were his pride and joy. Jody's presence was immediately known when he entered a room. When Patrick started grass dancing at the age of 5, which made Jody so proud that he wanted his grandsons to grass dance. He was especially proud when Patrick won his first competition. Upon his car accident, Jody was in the process of having a grass dance outfit made for Kale. He will be sadly missed by all who knew him.

Jody is survived by his daughters: DeAnn (John) Lafferty of LaPlant, Roxanne (Mark) Iron Wing of LaPlant, Waushara (Stuart) Cochran of Dupree and Jeannie Tapio of Pierre; one son: Patrick (Kelsey) Tapio of Eagle Butte, his stepson: Rodney Shaving of Pierre; his grandchildren: Isiah and Colby Iron Wing, Savanna and LaRay Four Bear, Heaven and Jonathan Lafferty, Daecia Marie Bartlett, Amiyah Jean Bridwell, Bryant Raye Bartlett, Jace Paul and Kale Patrick Bridwell, great grandson, Jace R. Traversie, his sisters: Minnie Summers of Kyle and Mable Tapio of Sioux Falls, brothers: Maynard "Sac" Summers of Arizona and Delaine Buffalo of LaPlant, aunt: Florene Shaving of LaPlant, uncle: Doug DeHorse of North Carolina and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, grandparents, two sisters Judy and Elizabeth and one brother Jerome.

In Loving Memory



Jody P. Tapia
1950-2010