



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.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

# MATTHEW BEAR EAGLE, SR.

October 10, 1939  
Bridger, South Dakota

June 3, 2010  
Eagle Butte, South Dakota

**SERVICES:**

10:00 a.m., Wednesday, June 9, 2010  
Matthew's Home at On The Tree, South Dakota

**OFFICIATING:**

Reverend Norman Blue Coat  
Leroy Bobtail Bear

**CASKETBEARERS:**

Randall Bear Eagle	Wylie Miller	C.J. Taylor
Earl Grind Stone, Jr.	Ted Taylor, Jr.	Tyler Bear Eagle
Robert Grind Stone	Joseph Flying By	Tyson Bear Eagle
Avery Thompson		Kaden Bear Eagle

**HONORARY CASKETBEARERS:**

Bob Berndt, Randy Berndt, Melvin LaBlanc & Family, Lanny, Tara & Jade LaPlante, Shirley Dog Eagle, Travis Harden & Family, Ira Lindsey Bad Bear, Thomasine Begaye, Amiel & Pamela Little Light & Family, Tom Bennett, George Whirlwind Soldier, Marie Whirlwind Soldier, Buddy & Haven Colombe & Family, E.J. Gunville, Paul Sand, Russell Flying By & Family, Bill Miller, Albert Cook, Roger Weiss, Mervin Bordeaux, Connie LeBeau & Family, Rolland & Elizabeth Collins & Family, Sophia Winneshiek & Family, Tyrone Crowshoe, Valerie Curly, Frieda Condon, Mac Longbrake & Family, Virgil & Dawn Standing Crow, Justin, Julie, Miles, Wylie & Ashley (Grandpa's Cowgirl) & Families, Lee, Justin, & J.R. Bear Eagle & Families, Georgia, Cindy, Bradley, Jerry & Ted Taylor & Families, Dr. Margaret Upell & Staff, June Lamb, Missouri Breaks Staff, IHS ER Staff and all the many family and friends we may have missed or forgotten.

**MUSICIANS:**

Family Drum Group

**INTERMENT:**

Immaculate Conception Catholic Cemetery  
Bridger, South Dakota

**TRADITIONAL SERVICES:**

Ivan Looking Horse & Terry Flying By

**Matthew Ambrose Bear Eagle, Sr.** age 70, of On The Tree, journeyed to the spirit world, Thursday, June 3, 2010 at his daughter's home in Eagle Butte.

Matthew A. Bear Eagle, Sr. was born October 10, 1939 to Noah and Lema (Crane Pretty Voice) Bear Eagle at Bridger, SD. He was raised between Bridger and Belle Fourche and was educated at St. Joseph Indian School in Chamberlain.

Matthew worked as a ranch hand for several ranchers between Newell and Faith. Also, he was a mechanic, and spent time teaching this skill to many of his nephews and grandsons. He also enjoyed playing guitar for his family while his children were growing up.

Matt was a supporter of the Sundance and Lakota way of life. Watching the sweat door and participating to keep the young and old going each year for Sundance.

Matt was a kind and compassionate man and was well respected, being dad and grandpa to many. One could always count on him when you needed help or to learn something new.

Those left to mourn his passing include his daughters: Lena (Terry) Flying By and Cylinda Bear Eagle both of Eagle Butte; daughter in law, Rose Mary Bear Eagle of Bismarck, ND; sister, Angeline Taylor of Glad Valley, SD; friend and companion, Darlene LaBlanc; aunt, Zouie Lone Eagle of Bridger SD; siblings: David West, Audrey West, Nancy West, and Renee West; adopted sons: Henery, Albert, and Tony Holy Bear and Jared LaBlanc; along with many grandsons and granddaughters, all being special to him; and his great-grandchildren and many extended family and friends.

He was preceded in death by parents, Noah Bear Eagle and Lema Crane Pretty Voice; step mother, Eva Bear Eagle; brothers: Timothy and Bruce; sisters: Pauline and Olivia West; sons: Joe Tiona, Brian Tiona, Matthew A. Bear Eagle, Jr. and Robert Bear Eagle.

He will be greatly missed by all family and friends.

## In Loving Memory



**Matthew Bear Eagle, Sr.**  
1939 ~ 2010