



*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

William "Bill" Irvin Red Bear

January 13, 1940
Old Agency, South Dakota

May 19, 2011
Thunder Butte, South Dakota

WAKE SERVICE:

7:00 p.m., Sunday, May 22, 2011
HVJ Cultural Center - Eagle Butte, South Dakota
Ministry, Gospel Music and Testimonies

FUNERAL SERVICE:

10:30 a.m., Monday, May 23, 2011
HVJ Cultural Center - Eagle Butte, South Dakota

OFFICIATING:

Sister Addie Morris
Reverend Norman Blue Coat

EULOGIST:

Marlon Hunte

CASKETBEARERS:

Jeremiah Red Bear	Mark Red Bear, Jr.
Arvin Red Bear, Jr.	Robert Red Bear, Jr.
Jesse O'Leary	Elwood High Elk
Anthony Johns	Kirk Smoke

HONORARY CASKETBEARERS:

All Clergy, Family, Relatives and Friends

MUSICIANS:

All Gospel Singers Welcome

INTERMENT:

St. Peter's Episcopal Cemetery
Thunder Butte, South Dakota

William "Bill" I. Red Bear, 71, of Thunder Butte, SD, passed away Thursday, May 19, 2011 at his home.

Bill was born January 13, 1940 to Henry Red Bear and Louise (Clown) Red Bear at the Old Agency. He grew up and lived in Thunder Butte most of his life. He attended school at Thunder Butte Day School and high school at the Old Agency. He was a basketball player when the team won the State Championship. He also participated in rodeos in bareback.

In 1962, Bill married Ilene (High Elk) Red Bear and together they had five children: Timothy, Mark, Arvin, Michael and Jeanette.

Bill worked as a ranch hand in his younger years and also worked for the Telephone Authority, CRST Property and Supply, R & S Construction, railroad construction, TWEP Director, First Dakota Enterprise and Red Bear Enterprise.

Bill ministered for over forty years and traveled throughout the United States and Canada. (aye)

Bill will always be remembered for his healing hands and words, and life changing testimonies. His words of wisdom, his generosity, the respect he showed for himself and others, and above all, the courage he had to withstand the criticism and endure hardships, will forever be etched in the hearts and minds of many.

Later in his life Bill married Georgina, and his youngest son Jeremiah was born.

Bill enjoyed fishing, hunting, trapping and attending camp meetings.

Bill is survived by his children: Timothy of Albuquerque, NM, Mark Sr. (Sioux) of Eagle Butte, Arvin Sr. (Susan) of Thunder Butte, Michael of Rapid City, Jeanette "Jen" Red Bear (Brandon) of Pierre, and Jeremiah of Dupree; sisters: Loretta Runs After of Eagle Butte, Rose Mitchell of New Castle, WY; brother, Kevin Red Bear of Minneapolis, MN; 22 grandchildren; 15 great grandchildren and numerous nephews and nieces.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Henry and Louise; his beloved wife, Ilene (High Elk) Red Bear; brothers: Manuel, Wayne, John, Louis, Hilmer; and sisters: Dorothy, Mary Jane and Lila.

