



### *A Cowboy's Prayer*

*Oh Lord, I've never lived where churches grow.  
I love creation better as it stood  
That day you finished it so long ago  
And looked upon your work and called it good.  
I know that others find you in the light  
That's sifted down through tinted windowpanes.  
And yet I seem to feel you near tonight  
In this dim, quiet starlight on the plains.*

*I thank you, Lord, that I am placed so well  
That you have made my freedom so complete:  
That I'm no slave to whistle, clock or bell,  
Nor weak-eyed prisoner of wall and street.  
Just let me live my life as I've begun  
And give me work that's open to the sky;  
Make me a pardoner of the wind and sun,  
And I won't ask a life that's soft or high.*

*Let me be easy on the man that's down:  
Let me be square and generous with all.  
I'm careless sometimes, Lord, when I'm in town,  
But never let'em say I'm mean or small  
Make me as big and open as the plains.  
As honest as the hawse between my knees,  
Clean as the wind that blows behind the rains,  
Free as the hawk that circles down the breeze!*

*Forgive me, Lord, if sometimes I forget.  
You know about the reasons that are hid.  
You understand the things that gall and fret:  
You know me better than my mother did.  
Just keep an eye on all that's done and said  
And right me, sometimes, when I turn aside,  
And guide me on the long, dim trail ahead  
That stretches upward toward the Great Divide.*

In Loving Memory of

# **ALBERT AMOS COOK**

February 18, 1943  
Old Agency, South Dakota

June 9, 2013  
Rapid City, South Dakota

### **WAKE SERVICES:**

7:00 p.m., Thursday, June 13, 2013 & Friday, June 14, 2013  
St. John's Episcopal Church - Eagle Butte, South Dakota

**FUNERAL SERVICE:** 11:00 a.m., Saturday, June 15, 2013  
St. John's Episcopal Church - Eagle Butte, South Dakota

**OFFICIANTS:** Mother Margaret Watson,  
Rev. Norman Blue Coat, Deacon Hazel Red Bird

**LAY READERS:** Valerie Curley, Carol Traversie & Iva Traversie

### **CASKETBEARERS: "Takojas"**

Wyman, Wylie & Wyatt Waters, Jess & Jason Cook,  
Lyle "Wade" Cook Jr, Gilbert Red Dog Jr., Leon Red Dog Jr.,  
Ivan, Jordan & Richard Foote, Ian Cook, Jay Clark, Wakinyan  
Means, Dale Cook Jr., Delano Robert Cook, Ethan Cook, Edwin  
Cook, Teton "Dx" Cook, Drury Cook III, Julian Cook,  
Chris Quick Bear, Karsten Buffalo, Shane J. Cook,  
Collins & Clint Holy

**FAVORITE HYMN:** Lakota Hymn #75

**FAVORITE SCRIPTURE:** Psalm 28: 6-9. John 3:16, Revelation 21 & 22,  
Psalm 23 & Psalm 18: 1-6

**MUSICIANS:** Wakinyan Maza Drum Group & All Singers  
Harvey Hawk Eagle, Matt Iron Hawk, Dena Waloke,  
Byron & Toni Buffalo, Cheeto & John Mestes

**HYMNS:** "Yellow Rose" "How Great Thou Art"  
"How Beautiful Heaven Must Be" "Precious Memories"  
"Jordan River" "Sweet By and By"

### **INTERMENT:**

St. Stephen's Cemetery - Red Scaffold, South Dakota

*Albert Cook*, 70, of Eagle Butte, passed away, Sunday, June 9, 2013 at Rapid City Regional Hospital.

Albert Cook was born on February 18, 1943 to Amos J. and Jeannette L. (Owl King) Cook at the Old Agency. He was the youngest of four children: Drury Sr., Barnett, and Karen Blossom.

In 1961, at the age of 18, Albert left home to find work in the state of Nebraska in order to support himself. After sometime, he traveled about the states attending Pow Wows as both a singer and dancer. Over the years he had various jobs in many places, including: a truck driver in South Dakota and Nebraska, a potato harvest belt operator, a crew leader in Wyoming, a horse breaker, a heart breaker, a bronco buster, and a ball player. In his free time, Albert often played horseshoes and bingo.

In 1995, Albert quit his alcohol abuse and went to work at The Four Bands Healing Center for the next fifteen years, helping others fight their own addictions. In 2010, he also quit smoking.

Albert is survived by his first cousins: Myrtle Howard, Joyce Pease, Cecilia Circle Eagle, Betty Cook, Dennis Cook, Homer Cook, and Ronnie Cook; his nieces: Wilma Waters, Denise Cook, Blossom Cook, Tammy Cook, Benita Clark, Veronica Holy, Cynthia Cook, Antoinette Cook, Iris Hill, Leona Long Crow, Dena Waloke, Jordyn Cook, Belinda Aungie, Berdina Norris, Peggy Knife, Beverly "Delmar" Clown, Marilyn Circle Eagle, Helene Circle Eagle, Joy Circle Eagle, Lisa and Theresa Pease; his nephews: Wakinyan Peta, Lyle Cook, Jay Cook, Cyril Cook, Gideon "Tony" Cook, Harold Cook, Delano Cook, Amos Cook, Drury Cook, Bruce Cook, Kay Cook, Keaton Cook, Reuben Twin Jr., Bervin Littleton, Bevin Circle Eagle Jr., Monte Pease and Willie Circle Eagle.

Albert is preceded in death by his parents, Amos and Jeanette Cook; his siblings: Drury Sr., Barnett, and Karen Blossom; his nieces: Enola and Gwendolyn; and his nephew, Richard.



Eagle Butte, South Dakota  
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## **Albert Amos Cook**

**"Maka Cikala"  
Little Skunk**

**1943 ~ 2013**

