

In Loving Memory Of

Vance Ta Sunke Witko II

May 1, 1982

Eagle Butte, South Dakota

September 6, 2016

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WAKE SERVICE: 7:00 p.m., Monday, September 12, 2016
Multipurpose Building ~ Dupree, South Dakota

FUNERAL SERVICE: 11:00 a.m., Tuesday, September 13, 2016
Multipurpose Building ~ Dupree, South Dakota

OFFICIATING:

Mother Margaret Watson and Pastor Helene Circle Eagle

LAY READERS:

Valerie Curley and Shirley Dog Eagle

CASKETBEARERS:

Colt Veit, Gray C. Kerstines, Kent Garter, Jake Garter,
Bernie In The Woods, Efton Dog Eagle, Gordon Runs After,
Ronald Adams, Cole White Wolf, Collin White Wolf,
Miles Yellow Earrings, Benjamin Morrison,
True V. Clown III, Lydon Iron Bird

HONORARY CASKETBEARERS:

All of Vance's Relatives and Friends,
Sanford Hospitals of Sioux Falls and Chamberlain,
Eagle Butte I.H.S., CRST Support Services

MUSICIANS:

Byron and Toni Buffalo, Harvey Hawk Eagle

INTERMENT:

Dupree City Cemetery ~ Dupree, South Dakota

To Those I Love And Those Who Love Me

*When I am gone, release me, let me go,
I have many things to see and do
You mustn't tie yourself to me with tears.
Be happy that we had so many years.*

*I gave to you my love. You can only guess
How much you gave me in happiness
I thank you for the love you each have shown
But now it's time I traveled on alone.*

*So grieve a while for me, if grieve you must;
Then let your grief be comforted by trust.
It's only for a time that we must part,
So bless the memories that lie within your heart.*

*I won't be far away, for life goes on.
So if you need me call and I will come
Though you can't see me or touch me I'll be near.
And if you listen with your heart you will hear
All of my love around you soft and clear.*

*And then, when you come this way alone....
I'll greet you with a smile and say
"WELCOME HOME"*



Eagle Butte, South Dakota
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Vance Ta Sunke Witko II, 34, of Dupree passed away, Tuesday, September 6, 2016 at I.H.S. Hospital, Eagle Butte.

Vance was born on May 1, 1982 in Eagle Butte, South Dakota to the late Deanna Faye Clown Kerstiens. He was raised in the Dupree area by his grandparents, the late True and Nancy (Iron Bird) Clown Sr. He attended grade school at Dupree School and graduated from Takini High School in 2001. Vance attended college at United Tribes Technical College.

Vance started working when he turned 18. He liked working in construction, mostly building houses. He worked at the Cheyenne River Housing Authority building houses and also various construction jobs in Rapid City, SD and Bismarck, ND. Vance was a Certified Apprentice Plumber. He received training for Job Site Safety Orientation for Construction and NUDURA Installation Course.

Growing up, Vance went everywhere with his Lala True Clown Sr. He enjoyed being outdoors. He liked to go hunting and fishing with his brothers. He loved to tell stories about his adventures hunting and all the crazy things he did with them. He wanted to go hunting one more time but left us too soon.

Vance resided in Lower Brule, where he loved playing with his son, taking him for walks, and going to the park. He was excited for baby Vance to go to head start; he took him to his school physical, dental, and eye exam appointments. He liked to cook and make gabubu bread. He loved to eat breakfast food.

Vance is survived by his wife, Louise Ta Sunke Witko and their son, Vance Ta Sunke Witko III of Lower Brule; step-daughter: Laney Eagle Shield of Lower Brule; his brothers/uncles; Gray Kerstiens of Timber Lake, True (Wenelle) Clown Jr. of Bismarck, ND, Bradley (Paulette) Clown of Eagle Butte, and Andre "Todd" Clown of Bull Creek; sisters/aunts: Inez (Bevin Circle Eagle Jr.) of Red Scaffold, Priscilla (Leon) Hale of Rapid City, Michelle (Sullivan) White Wolf of Bull Creek, and Trude Clown (David Dupris Jr.) of Eagle Butte.

Vance is preceded in death by his mother, Deanna Clown Kerstiens; grandparents, True and Nancy (Iron Bird) Clown Sr.; brother, Raymon Clown Sr.; and many other relatives.

