



In Loving Memory Of

Thomas Shane Collins

“Oyhatie Wi’ca Yukini” (One Who Inspires the People)

May 29, 1984
Eagle Butte, South Dakota



July 17, 2018
Eagle Butte, South Dakota

WAKE SERVICE: 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, July 25, 2018
Sacred Heart Catholic Church ~ Red Scaffold, South Dakota

FUNERAL SERVICE: 1:00 p.m., Thursday, July 26, 2018
Sacred Heart Catholic Church ~ Red Scaffold, South Dakota

OFFICIATING: Fr. George Vincent

CASKET BEARERS: Darrelle Widow, Jon Hiserote, William Collins, David Collins, Troy Sitting Crow, Sage Iron Hawk, Louie Butcher, Emery Long, Danny Butcher, Kanin Hiserote, Josh Collins, Tristan Collins, Wuni Mesteth, Frank Iron Hawk, Leonard Chasing Hawk, Malki Knight

HONORARY CASKET BEARERS: Hunts family, Clark and Germain Iron Hawk, Inee & family, Ike & Prairie Rose Iron Hawk, Kim White & family, Sitting Crow & family, Tawn Dayne & family, Knights family, Mannie & Reinee Iron Hawk, Erling Olsen & family, James & Connie Bear Stops, Dupris family, Mildred Semone family, Melvin Semone family, Bad Warrior family, Butcher family, Buddy & Dolly Knife family, Phil, Jordan & families, Class of 2002, Ty Chasing Hawk & family, China & Lena Brings Plenty, Sullivan & Lillian White Wolf, Peggy & Mary Knife, Dorothy Fischer, Shannon & Layla, Lynnette & Tashauna, Lizabeth Oakie & family, Rosie Rouch family, Ann Foster, Greg & Mary Burkett, John & Stella Broome, Hiserote family, Catholic Church, Hollow Horn family, Little Sky family, Ed Widow, Tom & Nadine Shaving, Dean Dupris, Chairman Harold Frazier, Support Services, Luce Funeral Chapel, Rhonda Charging Cloud, Bryan & Karen Charging Cloud, Jeff & Mickey Kelley, Zigmund Hollow Horn, Yolanda Butcher

The Rose

Some say love, it is a river, that drowns the tender reed
Some say love, it is a razor, that leaves your soul to bleed
Some say love, it is a hunger, an endless aching need
I say love, it is a flower, and you, its only seed

It's the heart afraid of breaking, that never learns to dance
It's the dream afraid of waking, that never takes the chance
It's the one who won't be taking, who cannot seem to give
And the soul afraid of dying, that never learns to live

When the night has been too lonely and the road has been too long
And you think that love is only for the lucky and the strong
Just remember in the winter, far beneath the bitter snows
Lies the seed, that with the sun's love in the spring becomes

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By Bette Midler



Eagle Butte, South Dakota
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SINGERS: All Singers Welcome

TRADITIONAL SERVICES: Vernell Sitting Crow

INTERMENT:
Sacred Heart Catholic Cemetery ~ Red Scaffold, South Dakota

Thomas Collins, 34, of Red Scaffold, passed away Tuesday, July 17, 2018 at I.H.S. Hospital, Eagle Butte.

Thomas Collins was born and gifted to Dwight and Phyliss Collins on May 29, 1984, at Eagle Butte, SD. From there, he was raised in Red Scaffold with eight other siblings: Marlon, Sheila, Mary, David, Stella, Delicia, William, and Pauline. He attended school at Red Scaffold Elementary until the schools' closing. He then attended Takini School throughout the rest of his elementary and high school days. He loved basketball and played for the Takini Skyhawks for his full four years of high school. His senior year he was awarded two awards at the 2002 Lakota Nations Invitational, the awards were for Most 3 Pointers and Most Valuable Player. He was also gifted a Lakota name, which translated to "Inspires the People", because he inspired everyone around him with the simplest things. After high school, Thomas traveled and met thousands of people from all over South Dakota, even leaving the state a few times. He always came home to make sure he helped out the local ranchers and rodeos. He was known as "one of the best fencers" amongst all the locals to Red Scaffold.

Throughout his life struggles and journeys, he had four of life's greatest gifts brought to him. He had children, their names being Malki, Tessauna, Layla, and Tyler. Thomas loved his children, as much as he loved his life and having a good time. He lived his life being a happy man with a lot of jokes and even more teasing. He was the type of man to brighten a dim room with his smiles and laughter. He lived up to his Lakota name and inspired people around him throughout his entire life. Thomas had a heart and soul like no other, and he will be dearly missed.

He is survived by his four children: Malki, Tessauna, Layla, and Tyler.

Thomas will be greeted in heaven by his parents, Dwight and Phyliss, brother, Marlon, Uncle Willie, Cousin Keiko, and the many other family members and friends that we may have missed.

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