

In Loving Memory Of

Lanny Wayne LaPlante

Tasunke Te Wica Kihila (He who loves his horses)

May 30, 1940

Whitehorse, South Dakota

December 17, 2018

Rapid City, South Dakota

A life well-lived

is a precious gift
of hope and strength and grace
from someone who has made our world
a brighter, better place.

It's filled with moments sweet and sad,
with smiles and sometimes tears,
with friendships formed
and good times shared
and laughter through the years.

A life well-lived

is a legacy
of joy and pride and pleasure,
a loving, lasting memory
our grateful hearts will treasure.

WAKE SERVICE: 5:00 p.m., Friday, December 28, 2018
CRST Bingo Hall ~ Eagle Butte, South Dakota

FUNERAL SERVICE: 1:00 p.m., Saturday, December 29, 2018
CRST Bingo Hall ~ Eagle Butte, South Dakota

OFFICIATING: Mother Margaret Watson

CASKET BEARERS: All of Lanny's Family

HONORARY CASKET BEARERS: Past & Present Tribal Council, Benita Clark, Winona Charger, Black Hills Dialysis Staff, Darlene King, Brock & Danielle Williams, Tom & Arlene Thompson, Ed Widow Family, Verna Moran, Grace & Abe Casto Family, Harold & Geraldine Condon, Richard Red Elk Family, Kay Clown, Mary Clown, Valerie Curley, Frank & Bernadine Thompson, Raylene Marshall, Majel Delrio, Ladean Rainbow, Douglas Collins, Peggy Knife, Zane Arban, Bob Burnt, John Birkland, Pat Schrempp, Janice Eberhard "Big Sue", Carmen O'Leary, Jerry Clown, Gib Marshall, Wanda Lind, Hap & Hilda Marshall, Melvin Garreaux Sr. Family, Yvonne Garreaux, Rilla Noisy Hawk, Bertha Chasing Hawk, Robert Chasing Hawk, Alexina Evans, Faye Longbrake, Mark & Connie Knight, Duffy Ducheneaux, Betsy Ducheneaux Family, Keith Lightfield, Sonny & Debbie Iceberg, Gay Kingman, Tony Marshall, Paul Lawrence Family, Roger Lawrence Family, Richard Lawrence Family, Justin Lawrence Family, Wayne Lovelette, Sam Dupris, Ron Black Bird, Shawn & Jackie DeCory, Marcus Hollow Horn, Delyle Left Hand, Shannon Brown, and his brother Jack Bickel

JOCKEYS: Elijah Janis, Frank Hawk Eagle, Darwin Cook, Ronald Middletent, Madonna Lind, Tim High Elk, Sheldon Yellow Head, Doug LaPlante, Marla Keckler, Deanna Wagner

STRAPERS: Lanny LaPlante Jr., Del Shannon Yellow Head, Sheldon Yellow Head, JC Brown, Marty "Cat" Thompson, Lyman Pretty Weasel, Blaine Traversie, Mark Shaving, Marvin Hill, Kern Red Dog, Poncho Larrabee, Loren Larrabee, Tim High Elk, Moses High Elk, Fred High Elk, Duck Two Crow, Matt Ducheneaux, Fuzzy Thompson, Delaney Lester, Junior Lester, Babb Dog Skin, Storm Plenty Chiefs, Richard Bubba Kills Crow, Brandon Bagola, Roman Bagola

MUSIC: Holly & Brian Ziegler, Bubba Smith "Honor Song"



Eagle Butte, South Dakota
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Lanny Wayne Blue Coat was born in a log cabin on May 30, 1940 in Whitehorse, SD to Elaine Miner and Robert "Archie" Blue Coat.

In 1947, when his mother passed onto the spirit world, Lanny was adopted by Bill and Loretta LaPlante. Lanny always said "Bill LaPlante made me the man I am today." Lanny was raised with siblings along the Moreau River and attended White Horse grade school. Lanny went on to attend high school at the Old Agency. His senior year he joined choir and they won the state choir competition. Lanny also joined the Old Agency's first cheerleading squad. The squad included Charlie Ann Fielder, Lanny LaPlante, Rosalie Roberts, Douglas Collins, Madonna Phillips and Percy Phillips. Lanny and fellow classmates graduated in the class of 1959 and were the last class to graduate from the Old Agency.

Lanny met Irma Mae Collins in 1959 and they were blessed with six children: Daniel Wade, Sherry Marie, Kelly Wayne, Douglas, Sherrie Ann, and Lanny Wayne Jr. Lanny worked for Harry Bickel as a ranch hand from 1962 to 1972. It was during this time Lanny found a brother ship with Jack Bickel. Lanny and Irma made their home in Eagle Butte and he was hired to work with man power in 1972 until 1978 when he was elected into tribal council.

Lanny met Judith Brown in 1995 and spent the rest of his life with his love. Lanny served as a district council representative, vice chairman and acting chairman for the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe until 2008. Lanny's passion was serving the people. He enjoyed working the horses with family and friends and a good cookout on the river. He spent most of his extra time with his cherished horses.

Lanny started LaPlante Horse Racing in the 1970's and their horses "Nap the Rowdy", "Buck", and famed "Tom" were known for a good suicide race and Indian Relay throughout the country. Lanny liked to tell jokes and was always making everyone laugh. He had a good sense of humor.

Lanny loved all of his grandchildren and great grandchildren and holds them dear to his heart. Lanny's family meant everything to him.

Family and friends in heaven rejoiced on December 17, 2018 as Lanny joined them on the other side.

Blessed in sharing Lanny's life is his best friend and mother of his children, Irma LaPlante; his children: Daniel LaPlante, Kelly LaPlante, Douglas LaPlante, Sherrie Red Elk, Lanny LaPlante Jr., and Leland Hand Boy; siblings: Faye Rosseau, Orville LaPlante, Iva Traversie, Carla Blue Coat, Carrie Blue Coat, Reba Three Legs, Phillip Blue Coat Jr., Ira Blue Coat, Edith Knight, Lavern Cummings, Leroy LaPlante, Rita Birkland, and Allen LaPlante; and his longtime life partner and love of his life, Judith Brown.

Lanny was preceded in death by his parents, Elaine Miner and Robert "Archie" Blue Coat, Bill and Loretta LaPlante; daughter, Sherry Marie; grandsons: Gage LaPlante and Thomas LaPlante; granddaughter, Whitney LaPlante; siblings: Luther Blue Coat, Amanda Sand, Harietta Blue Coat, William R. LaPlante, and Loren LaPlante.

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