



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 breezel

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.



Eagle Butte, South Dakota
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In Loving Memory Of

Ernest Oliver LaBlanc

June 5, 1940

January 13, 2020

Old Agency, South Dakota

Rapid City, South Dakota

WAKE SERVICE:

7:00 p.m., Sunday, January 19, 2020

St. John's Episcopal Church ~ Eagle Butte, South Dakota

FUNERAL SERVICE:

10:00 a.m., Monday, January 20, 2020

St. John's Episcopal Church ~ Eagle Butte, South Dakota

OFFICIATING:

Iva Traversie, Shirley Dog Eagle, Valerie Curley

CASKET BEARERS:

Randall Bear Eagle, Earl Grindstone Jr., Robert Grindstone,
Aaron LaBlanc, Dion Young, Benny Brown,
Royce Howe Sr., Ed Hoffman, Sandy Joe Holy Bear

HONORARY CASKET BEARERS:

Robert Berndt, Shawn & Sharon Boehrs, Ronnie Eagle Chasing,
All IHS Custodial & Transport Staff, Vincent Dupris, Medicine
Wheel Village Staff, The West Family – Kenny, Sophia, Jess,
Mary Ann, Jenny LeBeau, Mike Shaving, Rita shaving, Sonya
Shaving, Francis Shaving, Madeline Jaunesse, Juanita Zephier,
George Eagle Chasing, Betty High Elk, Shirley Dog Eagle,
Valerie Curley, Jerry & Donna Wulf, Nieces & Nephews: Aaron,
Josie, Lena, Cylinda, Juanita, Dawn, Frank, Brenda, Tim, Lynn,
DelShannon, Sheldon, Winona, Ed, Lester, Kim, Albert, Tony,
Sandy, Melissa, Norma, Richard, Fedelia, Ben, Virginia,
Acey, Lori, Tina, Billie, Eddie, Phillip, Francine,
Any Family & Friends we may have missed.

MUSICIANS: All Musicians Welcome

INTERMENT: Eagle Butte Cemetery ~ Eagle Butte, South Dakota
With Military Honors

Ernest Oliver LaBlanc, 79, of Eagle Butte, passed away Monday, January 13, 2020 at Rapid City Regional Hospital.

Uncle Oliver was born at the Old Cheyenne Agency to Edward LaBlanc and Juanita (Useful Heart) LaBlanc. He went to the military and received his GED.

Oliver worked for various farmers and ranchers in the area. He was a long-haul truck driver, and then he worked for Indian Health Services as a custodian for many years until his retirement.

His first marriage was to Lorraine Hayes and in this marriage, there were two children, Sharon and Jerrod LaBlanc. A second marriage was to Katie Traversie.

After retirement, his favorite pastime was mowing lawns and hanging out at the Plain's Clothing Store with Shawn Boehrs.

Survivors include his sister, Charlotte LaBlanc; brother, Dion Young; grandson, Anthony (Chasity) LaBlanc and great grandchildren: Angel, Precious, Angelina and one on the way of Ogden, UT; granddaughter, Stephanie LaBlanc and great grandchildren: Izaya Martinez, Dominic LaBlanc and one on the way of Ogden, UT; and many nieces and nephews.

Oliver is preceded in death by his brothers: Robert, Phillip "Roy" and Melvin; sisters: Isabel, Josephine, Ethel, Lillian, Theresa, Emmaline, and Darlene.



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