



I'M FREE

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free,
I'm following the path God has laid for me.
I took His hand when I heard His call;
I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day to laugh,
To love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way.
I found peace at the close of the day.

If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Oh yes, these things I too will miss.

Be not burdened with time of sorrow.
For I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life has been full, I savored much,
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your hearts, and peace to thee,
God wanted me now so **HE SET ME FREE**.



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In Loving Memory Of

Willard Roy Demery

"Mahpiya Sapa" (Black Cloud)

January 11, 1980
Eagle Butte, South Dakota

October 29, 2021
Eagle Butte, South Dakota

WAKE SERVICE: 7:00 p.m., Saturday & Sunday, November 13 & 14, 2021
Cherry Creek Gym ~ Cherry Creek, South Dakota

FUNERAL SERVICE: 2:00 p.m., Monday, November 15, 2021
Cherry Creek Gym ~ Cherry Creek, South Dakota

OFFICIATING: Keith Curley, Cherry Creek Mennonites, Casey Morrison, Joseph Marrowbone

TRADITIONAL SERVICES: Vernell Sitting Crow

CASKET BEARERS: Bradley Clown, Burton In The Woods Jr., Shawn Decory, Shilo Charging Cloud, Jason White Horse, Delbert Bruiger, David Crow Ghost, Dallen Crow Ghost, Frenchez Demery, Jayden Yellow Earrings, Rodney Hayes, Kyson Crow Ghost, Holly Condon, Jordan Knife, Phil Knife, Debbie Charging Eagle, Edie Waloke, Lynus Hayes, Jeryn Big Eagle, Daniel Hayes Jr., Narlin Little Shield, Joe Thunder Hawk, William "Bill" Dupris, Ricareo Plascencia, Scott Stewart, Jauqine "Sonny" Cisneros, Francisco "Poncho" Demery

HONORARY CASKET BEARERS: Marilyn Runs After & Family, Josie Bald Eagle & Family, Kerri Fischer & Family, Adrian Logg & Family, Burton In The Woods & Family, Bradley Clown & Family, Chuck LeCompte & Family, Buddy & Dolly Jo Knife & Family, Wayne & Toni Garreaux & Family, Nicole "Nikki" Garreaux & Family, Edward Widow & Family, Beatrice Charging Eagle & Family, Alberta Brown Thunder & Family, George & Marian Eagle Chasing & Family, June Runs After & Family, June Little Shield & Family, Clyde & Rose Little Shield & Family, Nora Little Shield & Family, Holly Condon & Family, Ramona Bruiger & Family, Yvonne Dupris & Family, Murphy Runs After & Family, Marilyn Circle Eagle & Family, Peggy Knife & Family, Debbie Day & Family, Shawn Decory & Family, Maxine Flying By & Family, Richard Charging Eagle & Family, Amos & Phylliss Cook & Family, Sylvester & Dena Waloke & Family, Russell Benoit & Family, Eva White Magpie & Family, Valtina Little Shield & Family, Nannette Hale & Family, Debbie Charging Eagle & Family, Kieth & Delorse & Family, Delbert & Shantoya Bruiger & Family, Darlene Waloke & Family, Joe & Ivern Thunder Hawk & Family, Emmett Little Sky & Family, Eddy Little Sky & Family, Teno Bear Stops & Family, Jason White Horse & Family, Moreno & Ray Waloke & Family, Marlem & Ophelia Dupris & Family, Bernadine Dupris & Family, Vernell & Gloria Sitting Crow & Family, Ed & Mel Waloke & Family, Jeryn Big Eagle & Family, Clark & Germaine Iron Hawk & Family, September Waloke & Family, Tom & Nadine Shaving & Family, Dulcie Running Hawk & Family, Lavay, Gideon, Pacer, Ira, Willis, Natalie, Lacresha & Families, Ivan Looking Horse & Nikke Hayes & Family, Vanessa Hayes & Family, Jayden & Hailee Yellow Earrings & Family, Darla Hayes & Family, Sharon Hayes & Family, Loren Bagola & Family, David & Patricia Crow Ghost & Family, Ricardo & Mina Castro & Family, Scott & Raynee Stewart & Family, Desiree Demery & Family, Bernice Demery & Family, Lance Lesmeister & Family, Kurt Eagle Chasing & Family, Nicole Eagle Chasing & Family, Clifford & Norma Demery Jr. We are sorry if we have forgotten anyone.

MUSIC: Cherry Creek Singer Drum Group and All Musicians Welcome
Favorite Song: UCC Dakota Hymn #12 and #75

INTERMENT: Big Cottonwood Cemetery ~ Cherry Creek, South Dakota

Willard Roy Demery "Mahpiya Sapa" (Black Cloud) was born on January 11, 1980 to Clifford and Arlene Demery Sr. of Cherry Creek, SD. Willard was raised in Cherry Creek throughout his childhood. He attended Day School in Cherry Creek until the Takini School opened in 1989. He graduated from Takini High School in 1999.

He was happy to be done with school so he could work. He went to Utah to visit his sisters: Bernice, Mina, Desiree and their families. He spent time with each of them and enjoyed being there, so he moved in with his sister, Mina, and her husband, Ricardo. He started working with Ricardo at GEL, INC., where they built million-dollar golf courses. He handled and worked with different types of machinery. He drove a dump truck, backhoe, a F-600 leveler to fix the tees on the golf course, and he helped with the irrigation part of the company. He was so proud of his paycheck. He started saving up for a car. He was so proud of the car that he bought. It was a cream-colored Monte Carlo with murals of the Virgin Mary on the hood and trunk, it had blackout windows and a hydraulic system in it so you could raise the car up and down, raise the right or left side and make it bounce just like in the movies. He jammed out to Shakira "Hips Don't Lie", his favorite song. Boy did he love that song.

He moved back home and worked for Law Enforcement Security for two years and then worked for Indian Health Service Security for over 18 years. He loved his job and met a lot of people and made many friends throughout his career. In May of 2021 Willard was told that he had cancer, so he resigned due to his health condition.

Willard met Ramona on September 14, 2017, and they fell in love and started their life together. He liked to have family cookouts, movie nights, listen to music, dancing, swimming, fishing, playing his PS4 game, bingo, and hunting with his friends and baby brother.

He was all about family. He liked to tease and joke around. For many of you who knew Willard, you would know him as having a funny sarcastic side. He would find ways to put a smile on your face. He would always play the part as if nothing fazed him. He was good at hiding his emotions, good enough to win an "Academy Award". Willard would always make sure his family and friends were doing okay. He would put others before himself and try his best to make you smile or laugh. He would say, "I don't care if I make an (a??) of myself as long as I hear them laugh." We love and miss you, Willard, and we will keep you in our hearts until we meet again "Mahpiya Sapa".

Willard is survived by the love of his life, Ramona Bruiger, Big Cottonwood; mother, Arlene Demery, Big Cottonwood; brothers: Clifford Demery Jr. (Norma), Burlington, WA, Frenchy Demery (Kristen), Daniel Hayes Sr., and Lynus Hayes, all of Big Cottonwood; sisters: Patricia Crow Ghost (David), Cherry Creek, Mina Castro (Ricardo), American Fork, UT, Desiree Demery, Eagle Mountain, UT, Bernice Demery, Pleasant Grove, UT, Lavay Hayes, Sharon Hayes, Darla Hayes, all of Cherry Creek, and Vanessa Hayes, Pierre.

Willard lays to rest with his grandparents, Frank and Edith Waloke; father, Clifford Demery Sr.; nephews: David "Chubbs" Crow Ghost Jr., Chastan Demery, Jacob Hollow Horn, Alvin Bowker, Marvin "Tune" Bowker Jr.; and the rest of his family in heaven.

