



In Loving Memory Of

Roland D. Roach, Sr.

"Tanyan Wakita" (One Who Observes Very Carefully)

May 25, 1937
Dupree, South Dakota

March 30, 2022
Eagle Butte, South Dakota

WAKE:

7:00 p.m., Tuesday, April 12, 2022
All Saints Catholic Church – Eagle Butte, South Dakota

FUNERAL SERVICE:

10:00 a.m., Wednesday, April 13, 2022
All Saints Catholic Church – Eagle Butte, South Dakota

OFFICIATING: Fr. John Paul Trask

CASKET BEARERS:

Anthony Roach, Roland Roach III "Yamni 3", Moses Roach, Wayne Roach,
Gunny Knight, Brad Clown, Patrick Makes Cold Weather, and Lyle Cook

HONORARY CASKET BEARERS:

All Horseshoe Players, Amiel Talks, Debbie Jefferies, Amy Marshal,
David Hump, Maylen Jefferies & Family, Milton Jefferies & Family,
Russell Benoist & Family, Iris Dupris & Family, Kathleen Eagle
Chasing & Family, Arlene Demery & Family, Marlene Runs After,
Circle Eagle Family, Cook Family, Ophelia Dupris & Family, Bryan
Nurnberger & Family Peter Boyer & Family, Jamie White Eyes & Family,
Darlene Rosas & Family, Delema Butcher & Family, the late Dorothy Bowker
Family, Edward Widow, Harvey Eagle Horse, Sylvester Waloke & Family,
Deb Knight & Family, Nick Knight & Family, Harold & Geraldine Condon,
Braylan Benoist, Longbrake Boys, JD Williams, Beau Maynard,
Braylan Benoist, Longbrake Boys, Wilbur Flying By Sr.,
Zigmund Hollow Horn, Keith & Delores Curley,
All Simply Smiles Volunteers, Danielle Long of West Winds Health,
and all the doctors and nurses who provided comfort care to
Roland while he was hospitalized.

DRUM GROUP: Wakinyan Maza
All Musicians are Welcome

INTERMENT:

Roach Family Cemetery – LaPlant, South Dakota

WHEN I MUST LEAVE YOU

When I must leave you for a little while,
Please go on bravely with a gallant smile
And for my sake and in my name,
Live on and do all things the same—
Spend not your life in empty days,
But fill each waking hour in useful ways—
Reach out your hand in comfort and in cheer,
And I in turn will comfort you and hold you near.

By Helen Steiner Rice



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Roland D. Roach Sr., 84, of LaPlant, passed away, Wednesday, March 30, 2022, at Cheyenne River Health Center.

Roland D. Roach was born on May 25, 1937, to Elizabeth Yellow Owl and Anthony Roach. He grew up in Cherry Creek, South Dakota and went to school there until he began high school at Cheyenne River Boarding School. Roland worked on ranches near Cherry Creek, he loved rodeo's, bronc rides and later, roping, also old men's roping.

In late 1959 he met Barbara Lee. Roland and Barbara had six children, Franny, Roland Jr., Brian, Shane, Ronald, and Cammy. They lived in Cherry Creek and were actively involved in the Catholic church there. He was also involved with the church conference, Tekawitha Conference, a conference that goes all over the world, and Roland brought it to Cherry Creek. Roland was also involved with community events. He was the president of different organizations there, 4-8 Board, which he and Madonna Abdalla began working on getting the blue gym for the community of Cherry Creek. He was on the School Board, CRST Telephone Board, from these boards he learned a lot and always gave his opinion. He loved to play horseshoes, everywhere he went, he won. He was a State Champion horseshoe player and was always honored by his family, his sons also honor him by their love for the game of horseshoes.

Roland and Barbara moved to LaPlant in 1989 and he started working for the CRST Prairie Management Program. There he became good friends with Jamie White Eyes and was always grateful that Jamie helped him get his G.E.D. certificate. Roland was involved in family activities, outings, camping, fishing, powwows. In 2010 a group called "Simply Smiles" came to LaPlant and Roland became very close to Bryan Nurnberger who was a member of the group. He became a special person in Roland's life and he and Barbara referred to Bryan as their adopted takoja. Bryan renovated their house for them in the country and always wanted them to be comfortable. Roland always called him "my good man." Roland had nicknames for a lot of people, especially family members and all of his takoja's. Roland became ill and had his loving family by his side in his last days, he was a very special and well-loved man. If you knew Roland, you knew that he never had a bad word to say about anyone. He had many friends and relatives and will be greatly missed.

He is survived by his wife, Barbara; sons: Roland Jr., Brian, Shane, and Ronnie; two daughters, Franny and Cammy; 16 grandchildren; 14 great grandchildren; three sisters, Annabelle, Rosie and June; one brother, Mike; and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, grandparents, and numerous relatives. We apologize if there is anyone we forgot.

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