



I Made It Home

I just wanted to let you know that I made it home.
The journey wasn't an easy one, but it didn't take too long.
Everything is so pretty here, so white, so fresh and new.

I wish that you all could close your eyes
And that you could see it too.

Please try not to be sad for me. Try to understand
God is taking care of me... I'm in the shelter of His hands.

Here there is no sadness, no sorrow, and no pain.
Here there is no crying and I'll never hurt again.

Here it is so peaceful when all the angels sing.
I really have to go for now... I've just got to try my wings.
PS...I'll be the first face you see when you get here!

In Loving Memory Of

Juan Lee Franco Jr.

April 3, 1985
Pierre, South Dakota



May 8, 2023
Sioux Falls, South Dakota

WAKE:

7:00 p.m., Thursday, May 18, 2023
Cherry Creek Gym ~ Cherry Creek, South Dakota

FUNERAL SERVICE:

1:00 p.m., Friday, May 19, 2023
Cherry Creek Gym ~ Cherry Creek, South Dakota

OFFICIATING:

Father Kurt and Mother Ellen Huber
Keith Curley

CASKET BEARERS:

Dugan Royce Franco, Silas Jace Franco, Derek YellowOwl Sr.,
Derek "Aboo" YellowOwl Jr., Damion Red Elk,
Ryan MarrowBone, Orlando Morrison, Brandon Dupris,
Braiden Dupris, Craig Dupris, and Shilo Charging Cloud

HONORARY CASKET BEARERS:

Ezekiel Jace Franco, Sarah Jade Franco, Emsley Amora Franco, Shawn
Franco & Girls, Lucinda Buckley, Conrad Wilkins & Handome Jack,
Willis Hayes, Gideon Hayes, Rocky Hayes, Nicole Eagle Chasing & Girls,
Michelle Benoist, Melanie Benoist, Francine Blue Arm, Kayla, Treyson &
Kylie MarrowBone, Justin Hares, Galvin Ashley, Jessie Ashley, Danny
High Bear, Kayla Tyndall & Kids, Amanda & Derald Herral & Kids,
Yvette & Jacob Fire Cloud & Kids, Heather & Deidra Hand Boy, Kate
Condon, Holy Condon, Zane Cadotte, Clifford & Karen Lilly, Jeff Hoefer,
Delores & Keith Curley, Edna & Harold Tyndall & Kids, John McClane,
Sophie MarrowBone & Kids, Michael Izzard, Kyle Three Legs,
Clara Three Legs, Dee Benson, Libby Miner and Kids,
The family apologizes if they may have left anyone out as
Juan had many friends and family members that he loved dearly.

DRUM GROUP: Hin Hanzi Drum Group

SINGERS: All Singers Welcome

INTERMENT:

St. Andrews Episcopal Cemetery ~ Cherry Creek, South Dakota

Juan Lee Franco, Sr., 38, of Cherry Creek and Aberdeen, passed away Monday, May 8, 2023, at Avera McKennan Hospital, Sioux Falls.

Juan was born April 3, 1985, the oldest of five children to Juan Franco Sr. and Erma Lee MarrowBone. He completed his education, finishing his GED in Saint George, UT.

Juan welcomed four beautiful children into this world: Erma, Cheyenne, and Juan Jr. “Yamni” Franco and Kaleb Herrald whom he loved dearly. He thought the world of his nieces and nephew, Emsley Amora, Ezekiel Jace, Charlie Franco, and Kais’Lee and Kassiah Saul. And he was blessed to get to spend most of his time with Ezekiel and Emsley.

Juan loved working roofing jobs with his little brother, Silas. He enjoyed watching his nieces and nephews grow up and being a part of their lives as much as possible. He was proud of his siblings and seeing all the things they were accomplishing in life.

Juan had many hobbies, however the ones that showed the most were his collections of wolf dream catchers and his favorite NFL team, the New England Patriots.

He lived much of his adult life in Cherry Creek with his grandma Linda, helping her as much as he could. He also lived in Aberdeen where he spent much of his days helping his younger siblings and helping the elderly people that lived in his apartment building. Juan loved spending time with the elderly, they reminded him of his grandma Linda and grandma Pauline.

If you didn’t find Juan at home or couldn’t get ahold of him on his phone, you could always find him at his favorite gas stations playing the slot machines.

Juan was fighting a long hard battle with kidney disease. What kept him going were the hugs he got from his niece and nephew every as well as being able to plan Ezekiel Jace and Emsley Amora’s birthdays. He enjoyed planning cook outs and dinners with his baby sister, Sarah Jade, that were for anyone who wanted to come and eat.

Juan is survived by his brothers: Dugan and Silas Franco; sisters: Shawna and Sarah Jade Franco; children: Erma, Cheyenne, and Juan Jr. “Yamni” Franco and Kaleb and Avery Herrald; special nieces: Charlie and Emsley Franco, Kais’Lee and Kassiah Saul; nephew, Ezekiel Jace Franco; his father, Juan L. Franco Sr.; aunts: Ophelia (Billy) Dupris, Edna (Harrold) Tyndall, and Francine Blue Arm; and uncles: Dewey MarrowBone, Russel Benoist, and Marlon Yellow Owl.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Erma MarrowBone; grandparents: Linda MarrowBone, Pauline Eagle Chasing, Gary MarrowBone Sr., Roland Roach Sr., Cordelia Benoist, Ambrose MarrowBone, David and Hannah MarrowBone, and Neeta Blue Arm; uncles: Scott Sr., Orville, Royce Sr., and Justin MarrowBone; and aunts: Delma Eagle Chasing and Cynthia Y. De Leon.

