

Karsten Timothy Buffalo was born on March 16, 1979, at Eagle Butte, South Dakota to Byron Buffalo and Veronica (Cook) Holy. He was welcomed by Jacqueline Marie Buffalo, his big sister and protector.

Karsten and his sister, Jackie, spent their younger years playing at Griffin Park, riding bikes, going to family gatherings, and swimming at the river with family and their Georgetown Crew in Pierre, SD. Karsten attended school in the various places where he lived. He attended elementary schools in Eagle Butte, SD, Bismarck, ND and Pierre, SD. He attended junior high and high school in New Brighton, MN, Takini School, and Cheyenne Eagle Butte School. He received his GED in 1998. Later Karsten moved to Bridger to live with his dad, Byron Buffalo.

Karsten loved playing basketball throughout his life and was an excellent player. He enjoyed running like his father and ran for the pure enjoyment of it. He worked various jobs throughout his life, traveling to obtain employment when it was called for. He worked as a laborer in construction, road work, as a Covid-19 checkpoint worker, and helped where and when he was needed by his loved ones.

Karsten's greatest joy and accomplishments were his children: KadyNSE Rai (KK Rai), K'Launa Marie ("baby skinny" as only her dad would call her), Sierra Cole, and Corey Robert Wade and his grandchildren, Oaklynn Skye and Trestyn. In recent years, Karsten met his special friend, Kacie Clown and her son, Julian with whom he had a father/son relationship. He did his best for each of his children and had a special bond with each of them. He loved them all deeply.

Karsten enjoyed taking pictures with family and friends. He was known as "Tinx or KTB" by his many friends. He always made sure to tell people that he loved them and gave them the tightest bear hugs. Karsten had an infectious smile and a humorous way about him. Because he genuinely loved and cared for everyone he met along the way, he referred to everyone as brother, sister, relative, or friend. Karsten's family considers all his friends and family as honorary pallbearers. We are grateful for the love and care you all gave him in return.

Karsten is survived by his children: KadyNSE and K'Launa Buffalo, Sierra Jewett, and Corey Pearman; grandchildren: Oaklynn Skye and Trestyn; mother, Veronica (Cook) Holy; sisters: Jackie Buffalo Tiana Buffalo, and Jonni Clark; brothers: Clinton Holy, Marlis Morin, and Jay Clark; stepmother, Toni Buffalo; stepsisters: Cayla Johns and Winona Powless; nieces: Mariah Layne and Koree Kylee Buffalo Halfred, Ty'Kaydia Colombe, Michaeli Cass, Cheyann Holy, Titakuye Kicopi May and O'Niyan Wakan Washburn; nephews: Red Sky Legend Kills First Holy, Bear Nakoa Gonzalez, and Wakiza and Wakita Washburn; and numerous Lalas, Uncis, Aunts, Uncles, Nieces, Nephews, Cousins, and close relatives.

Karsten was preceded in death by his father, Byron W. Buffalo; stepfather, Marvin W. Holy; brothers, Corey and Collins Holy; grandparents: Milton Cook, Sr., Caroline (Iron Lightning) Cook Fiddler, Dennis Buffalo, and Mary (Widow) Buffalo; and all the Lalas, Uncis, and close relatives.

Karsten's family greatly appreciates the outpouring of support and comfort from family and friends. Our heartfelt thanks to the Cheyenne River Motel staff, IHS Ambulance, CRST Law Enforcement, and Luce Funeral Home.



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In Loving Memory

Karsten Timothy Buffalo

Tatanka O'niya Wicasa "Buffalo Spirit Man"

Sunrise: March 16, 1979
Eagle Butte, South Dakota

Sunset: July 17, 2024
Eagle Butte, South Dakota

WAKE SERVICE:

7:00 p.m., Thursday, August 1, 2024
Cheyenne Eagle Butte Auditorium - Eagle Butte, South Dakota

FUNERAL SERVICE:

11:00 a.m., Friday, August 2, 2024
Cheyenne Eagle Butte Auditorium - Eagle Butte, South Dakota

EMCEE: Dana Dupris

OFFICIATING:

Minister Helene Circle Eagle
Deacon Harold Condon

TRADITIONAL SERVICES: Misun Bowker

PALLBEARERS:

Clinton Holy, Gilbert Red Dog, Jr., Jay Clark, Ian Cook,
Jason "Bear" Cook, Sid Lightning Fire, Dugan Buffalo,
Beau Cuevas, Marlis Morin, Lawrence Earring, Jonni Clark,
Trevin Antonio, Lachelle Turning Heart, Lenny Bald Eagle

HONORARY PALLBEARERS:

Although he had his struggles, Karsten had the biggest heart. He took everyone in and treated them like they were family and best friends. Therefore, all who knew him are considered honorary pallbearers. His memory will last forever in the hearts of everyone he met.

MUSIC:

Wakinyan Maza Drum Group
All Musicians and Singers Welcome

INTERMENT:

UCC Cemetery - Bridger, South Dakota

****A meal will be served at the Landmark prior to graveside services.**

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.



IN LOVING MEMORY



KARSTEN T. BUFFALO