









## Old Indian Prayer

I am not there, I do not sleep
I am a thousand winds that blow
I am a diamond glint on snows
I am the sunlight on ripened grain
I am the gentle autumn rain
When you wake in the morning
Hush I am the swift uplifting rush
I am quiet birds in circling flight
I am the fish swimming in the lake
By the soft starlight at night
Do not stand at my grave and weep
I am not there, I do not sleep
Amen.



## **In Loving Memory Of**

## **Michael Louis Dubray**

'Tatanka Omani Wicasa' (Man Who Walks With The Buffalo)

September 15, 1963 Cleveland, Ohio December 6, 2024 Rapid City, South Dakota

WAKE SERVICE: 6:00 p.m., Thursday, December 12, 2024 CRST Bingo Hall, Eagle Butte, South Dakota

FUNERAL SERVICE: 10:00 a.m., Friday, December 13, 2024 CRST Bingo Hall, Eagle Butte, South Dakota

**OFFICIATING:** Helene Circle Eagle

CASKET BEARERS: Jacob West, Elliot Little Bear, George Iron Wing, Chris Arpan, Trevor Gray, Justin LaPlante Jr., Robert Red Bear, Kendall Charger

## **HONORARY CASKET BEARERS:**

Marvin HighElk, Alton One Feather, Conrad Eagle Feather,
Corwin Lewis, Delane Buffalo, Ross DuBray, Kevin Different Horse,
Tim Pickner, Shane Brown, Dave West Sr., Susan Laplante, Jessie
Laplante, Brenda Ducheneaux & family, Glen & Robin Dupris family,
Fred & Michelle DuBray family, Tennille Dx-Scott family, Erica Rivers
& girls, Elizabeth Ducheneaux, Steven Gray, John Gray, Sonya Rivers
Brown & DJ, Traci Tschetter Sagmiller, Jonni Dubray, Joe Brings
Plenty Sr. family, Rollie Ducheneaux, Garret Lee, Merri Miller/White
Bull & Kevin White Bull family, CRST Elderly Support Program, Black
Hills Dialysis unit, Veterans Food Pantry & any other family or
relatives we may have forgotten.

MUSIC: Wakinyan Maza Drum Group All Musicians and Singers Welcome

INTERMENT: 2:30 p.m., Friday, December 13, 2024

Black Hills National Cemetery ~ Sturgis, South Dakota



Ph. (605) 964-3614 Gettysburg, South Dakota www.familyfuneralhome.net **Michael Louis DuBray** was born in Cleveland, Ohio on September 15, 1963, to Rita (White Bull) and Louis DuBray. He grew up living on a ranch with his brothers and sisters, helping his dad and uncles raise cattle and buffalo. Some would say it was the cowboy way. He attended primary school in Denver, Colorado then moved to South Dakota, where he attended Swiftbird and Promise Day School. He then graduated eighth grade from Cheyenne Eagle Butte Schools, then later on graduated high school at Crow Creek.

After Michael graduated, he attended and took classes at Lake Area Tech, a vocational school for a year. Then decided to enlist in the United States Army for three years, he was honorably discharged in 1988. Michael worked various jobs afterwards, from construction work, cook, buffalo corporation, ranch hand, the best hand, CRST housing authority, and IHS maintenance worker. Before his passing, he worked for the Veteran's food pantry.

In 1997, Michael met Heather Ducheneaux and adopted her son Rylan Ducheneaux. They welcomed a son, Colin DuBray in 1999 and a daughter Devyn DuBray in 2001. He became a grandpa to Alexia Ducheneaux in 2015 and Alexander Ducheneaux in 2017. His greatest joy was being a dad and grandpa. Some of his last few words was to tell his kids how much he loved them.

Michael loved to laugh and joke around with anyone he encountered. Along with those jokes, he told stories of his time working or his time in the service. He enjoyed cooking for family and friends, making sure everyone ate first. He was a very artistic person who loved to draw and sculpt, even winning first place at CRST Labor Day Lakota Artist Market. He was always outdoors, either building nothing out of scratch, working on vehicles, or fishing on the water. In his later days, he enjoyed watching cooking shows or watching his Steelers stress him out. He was always willing to teach when he could or listen when you needed someone to talk to.

He was a hard worker, he never got praised for his work, no matter how many times he got himself hurt and got back up. He was an unsung hero. He was our brother, uncle, nephew, grandpa. He was our dad.

Michael is survived by his only daughter, Devyn DuBray, Eagle Butte; son, Colin DuBray, Eagle Butte; stepson, Rylan Ducheneaux, Eagle Butte; brothers: Richard (Lynelle) DuBray, Swiftbird and Marcus White Bull, Arizona; sisters: Wanda DuBray, Lodge Pole, MT and Jamie DuBray, Phoenix, AZ; ex-wife, Heather (Baylon) Weston, Eagle Butte; special niece/ daughter, Wambli Wacinhin (Kallison) Ducheneaux, Rapid City; granddaughter, Alexia Ducheneaux, Eagle Butte; grandson, Alexander Ducheneaux, Mobridge; and many uncles, aunts, cousins, numerous nieces and nephew, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Michael was preceded in death by his parents, Rita Whitebull and Louis DuBray; his favorite uncle, Elroy DuBray; cousin, Beau DuBray; nephews: Brody DuBray and Ty Traversie; his hunka brother, Dustin Scott; dear friend, Justin Laplante Sr.; along with many friends he knew in his life.

