

### 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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## **In Loving Memory**

# Mahlon Oscar Jeffries

"Wówačinthanka" (Lots of Patience)

February 21, 1963 Deadwood, South Dakota August 8, 2025 Fargo, North Dakota

#### WAKE SERVICE:

7:00 p.m., Monday, August 18, 2025 Pioneer Hall ~ Dupree, South Dakota

### **FUNERAL SERVICE:**

10:00 a.m., Tuesday, August 19, 2025 Pioneer Hall ~ Dupree, South Dakota

**OFFICIATING:** Vernell Sitting Crow

**CASKET BEARERS:** Cody Birkeland, Brady Birkeland, Christopher Jeffries, Thane Jeffries, Austin Jeffries, Talyn LeBeu, Brandon Jeffries, Bradley Jeffries, Rami Bald Eagle, and Kili Bald Eagle

HONORARY CASKET BEARERS: Wally Little Moon, Josie Bald Eagle, Wapila Bald Eagle, Roland Roach Family, Robert Red Shirt & Family, Shawn Bianis, Amiel Talks Sr., Steve Vance & Family, Jim Wike, Earl Peneaux Sr., Jerry Taylor Jr., Ken White Lightning, Dave Sherman, Victory Jackson, Kyle Iron Hawk, Todd White, Paulette Steel & Family, Bob Steel, Carla Brave, Bradley Clown, Jay Bear Killer, Heron Bear Killer, Gerald High Elk, Cole Pearson, Betsy Mitchell & Family, Benoist Family, George Handboy, Willy Charging Cloud, Wayne Kills Enemy, Remy Bald Eagle, Arlen Lee, Buck Tall Man & Family, Carlton Buffalo & Family, Circle Eagle Family, Bald Eagle Family, Dana LeClaire, Inez Iron Hawk & Family, Gregg & Kay Bourland, Bentley In The Woods, Chris Ravenshead, Fargo ND ICU Staff, and All Horseshoe Players

MUSIC: Voices in the Wind Drum Group "Tate Hotain"
All Drums and Singers Welcome

**BURIAL:** Eagle Butte Cemetery Eagle Butte, South Dakota



**Mahlon Oscar Jeffries**, 62, of Takini, made his journey to the spirit world on Friday, August 8, 2025, surrounded by his loving family, at Sanford Medical Center, Fargo ND, due to the results of an automobile accident.

He was born to Frank and Corrine Jeffries on February 21, 1962, and was raised in Dupree, SD.

Mahlon was an avid boxer in his younger years, taught by Pete Longbrake and Dean Schrempp. Mahlon was a fantastic horseshoe player. He was never far from a horseshoe game, often traveling with his sisters and his late brother, Milton Jeffries, far and near to take home top prize. He loved challenging his brother Milton to play a game.

Mahlon also loved music, he was a self-taught guitarist and participated in several drum groups. He believed in traditional medicine when he was hurting. He loved cooking and baking, often trying new recipes with his family. In one of his letters, he said his favorite kind of music was Blues, Rock, Classic Rock and Classic Country. His favorite album was Pink Floyd, the Pulse followed by Stevie Ray Vaughn. His favorite colors were blue and green.

Mahlon was also a self-taught artist, often decorating his envelopes with hand drawings and sketches.

After high school he completed UTEC in Bismarck, ND with an auto-mechanic's degree and had a varied employment history. Mahlon spent time at his home in Takini, loving the simple life.

Mahlon was blessed with seven children: Kyle Jeffries (deceased), (Lil) Mahlon Jeffries, Preston Tyrell (Ty) Jeffries, Alexander J. Jeffries, Kalen O. Jeffries, Layton Jeffries and Byron Waloke; and his legacy continues with his many grandchildren; and his siblings: Kathy Jeffries, Karen Jeffries (Ken Birkeland), Debra Jeffries, Della (Jeffries) Martinmaas (Cyril), Lonnie Jeffries (Michael Ball), Waylon Jeffries and Raylene Marshall (Hunka sister).

He is preceded in death by his son, Kyle Jeffries; brother, Milton Jeffries; mother, Corrine White Weasel-Janis; father, Frank M. Jeffries; grandparents: Oscar and Ester (Ward) White Weasel, Mahlon Oscar Jeffries, Jenny (Drury) Jeffries; uncles/aunts: Margie Lucille Iron Hawk, Beatrice Louise Janis, Timothy White Weasel and Louis White Weasel; nephews: Wade Jeffries, Quentin LeCompte and Kelly Gene Clown.

