

Philippians 4:6-14

6 Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. 7 And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

8 Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. 9 Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me or seen in me—put it into practice.

And the God of peace will be with you.

10 I rejoiced greatly in the Lord that at last you renewed your concern for me. Indeed, you were concerned, but you had no opportunity to show it.

11 I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. 12 I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. 13 I can do all this through him who gives me strength. 14 Yet it was good of you to share in my troubles.



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In Loving Memory

Emmet Joseph Bruguier

"Iyan Hoksila" (Rock Boy)

October 20, 1972
Eagle Butte, South Dakota



August 11, 2025
Eagle Butte, South Dakota

FUNERAL SERVICE:

10:00 a.m., Friday, August 22, 2025
St. John's Episcopal Church
Eagle Butte, South Dakota

OFFICIATING: Mother Ellen Huber

CASKET BEARERS:

Joe Brings Plenty, Shane Bruguier, Brody Miller,
Wallis Stands For, Russell Romero, Justin Romero,
Cordray White Dog, Tristan Sampson, and Oliver Miner

HONORARY CASKET BEARERS:

John Blue Coat, Reggie Clown, Martin Chasing Hawk, Willis Strikes The Enemy, Garland Iron Lightning, Shawn Eagle Horse, Orlando Wolf, Sullivan Larrabee, Irving Curley, Ryan Cloud Eagle, Stan Morrison, Rachel Bruguier, Russell Romero, Paul Widow, Danielle Chips, Royce Noisy Hawk, Riley Red Horse, Darvis One Skunk, Sullivan Larrabee, JR Schad, West Boys, Rhonda Cloud, Iny Hale, Gilbert Lind, Beatrice Looking Horse, Lonnie Cotlier, Sylvester Schad, Bob Walter, Loren Ganje, Conrad Eagle Feather, Marlene Schaeffer & Family, Rhonda Cloud, Linn Williams, Kit McCahren, Brenda Claymore, Garr Tavai-Fiatoa, James Romero, Rose Romero, Trini & Chip Bird Necklace, Doretta (Four Bear) Bowker, Ronnie Bowker, Arden & Ericka Marshall, Sheldon Miner, Condon Family, Cook Family, Blue Coat Family, Looking Horse Family, High Elk Family, All Tribal Staff, and all of his Friends and Family, as he knew and loved many.

MUSIC: All Singers and Drums Welcome

BURIAL: St. Andrew's Episcopal Cemetery
Cherry Creek, South Dakota

Emmet Bruguier, 52, of Eagle Butte, made his journey home on Monday, August 11, 2025, in Eagle Butte. It is with profound sorrow that we announce his passing.

Emmet Joseph Bruguier Jr. was born on October 20, 1972, in Eagle Butte, South Dakota. Emmet was raised with love and guidance by his devoted grandparents, Dora and Oliver Bruguier, following the passing of his father, Emmet Joseph Bruguier Sr., before his birth.

Throughout his life, Emmet endured many profound losses, including his mother, Nancy Brings Horse; his grandparents, Oliver Bruguier, Dora (Shoots Off) Bruguier, and Pearl Bird Necklace; his brothers, Conrad Brings Horse and Trent Brings Horse; his son, Jorie Bruguier; and his stepson, Austin Miner. These hardships shaped him with resilience, faith, and an unyielding spirit.

Emmet's life was rooted in faith and a sense of justice. He found comfort in attending numerous Episcopal Bible camps from Arizona to South Dakota with his grandmother, a Deacon of the church. He carried a deep belief in the power of prayer and in always striving to do what was right. He graduated from Flandreau Indian Boarding School in 1990 and went on to earn an Associate of Science degree in Political Science from Sisseton Wahpeton College, inspired by his grandfather's legacy as Chief Judge of the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe.

A man of many talents, Emmet attended Kicking Horse Job Corps, where he earned a Culinary Arts certificate. He later moved to Mandan, North Dakota, bringing warmth and skill to his work at Prairie Knights Casino. In the late 1990s, he returned home, serving in the Tribal Loan Office and contributing to his community with kindness, wisdom, and steadfast devotion before facing personal struggles.

During rehabilitation, Emmet learned welding through Votech and went on to work for ranches across the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe. In his later years, he found purpose as a ranch hand and in various other jobs. Emmet wore many hats in life, and he took pride in each one. At his best, he was a man people turned to for advice, comfort, and friendship.

May his journey home be gentle and filled with peace, embraced by the relatives who went before him, as he lovingly says goodbye to all he leaves behind.

Emmet is survived by his children: Cordray (Calandra) White Dog, Oliver (Nathan) Miner, and Emilie Miner; his stepchildren Ashley Miner and Dardi Jefferies; and his beloved niece, Ayanna Maynard, whom he often called upon. He was proud to be "Grandpa EJ" to many grandchildren of his children, nieces, and nephews.

He is also survived by his sisters: Melody Bruguier, Emilie Bruguier, Tahnee Mestes, Tomi Stands For, Tina Stands For, and Taryn Uses the Knife; his brothers: Wallis Stands For and Tristan Stands For; his aunties: Esterlyn (Bruguier) Medicine Eagle, Hazel Brings Horse, and Mona (Brings Horse) Dunsmore; his uncle, Carlin Brings Horse; and best friend, Yvonne Deroche.

