



**To Those I Love And
Those Who Love Me**

When I am gone, release me, let me go,
I have many things to see and do
You mustn't tie yourself to me with tears.
Be happy that we had so many years.

I gave to you my love. You can only guess
How much you gave me in happiness
I thank you for the love you each have shown
But now it's time I traveled on alone.

So grieve a while for me, if grieve you must;
Then let your grief be comforted by trust.
It's only for a time that we must part,
So bless the memories that lie within your heart.

I won't be far away, for life goes on.
So if you need me call and I will come
Though you can't see me or touch me I'll be near.
And if you listen with your heart you will hear
All of my love around you soft and clear.

And then, when you come this way alone....
I'll greet you with a smile and say
"WELCOME HOME"



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In Loving Memory Of
Cleveland Jay "CJ" Buckman Jr.

November 26, 1976
Eagle Butte, South Dakota

December 21, 2025
Eagle Butte, South Dakota

WAKE SERVICE: 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, January 7, 2026
St. John's Episcopal Church - Eagle Butte, South Dakota

FUNERAL SERVICE: 11:00 a.m., Thursday, January 8, 2026
St. John's Episcopal Church - Eagle Butte, South Dakota

OFFICIATING: Father Kurt Huber, Keith Curley,
Deacon Iva Traversie and Shirley Dog Eagle

CASKET BEARERS:

William Chasing Hawk, Calvin Running Shield, Markus High Elk,
Eddie Hoffman, Nelson Webb Jr., Dupree Traversie, and Wallace Rooks

HONORARY CASKET BEARERS:

Danielle Traversie & Family, Rosa Rodriguez & Family, Grayslyn Curley & Family, Jeri Jace Curley & Family, Marty Hale & Family, Jeryn Big Eagle & Family, Celby Noisy Hawk & Family, Rose Metcalf & Family, Darla Depois, Justin Iron Hawk, High Bear Family, Moses & Jim High Elk, Shawn & Shane Eagle Horse & Family, Carlton & Charles Burralo, Roberto & Marie Benoist, Jessica Traversie, Gesster & Jessalyn Cook, Vonnie Charger & Family, Loren & Kimberly Larrabee, Heather Netzer, Marquette Condon & Family, Shannon Grass & Family, Teno Bear Stops, Duane Bissonette, Michelle Byington High Elk & Family, Travis Garreau, Linus Chasing Hawk, Pam Swan & Family, Shane Bruiguiet, Daytona & Dane Eagle Chasing, Mary Reede & Family, Sheldon Red Bear & Family, Andrew Curley, Pierre Leclair & Family, Bernice Condon & Family, IHS Ambulance Service, Ty Garreau, Kenneth Brings Plenty, Ewi Clausen & Family, Tanya Johnson, Trisha Johnson, Rueben Johnson & Family, Kelli Raveydt & Family, Myra Thunder Hawk & Family, Gayle Dupris & Family, Crystal High Horse, Ben Marshall & Family, Morrison Family, LaBlanc Family, and we apologize if we forgot to mention anyone.

DRUM GROUP: Wakinyan Maza

BURIAL: Eagle Butte Cemetery ~ Eagle Butte, South Dakota

Cleveland “CJ” Buckman Jr., 49, of Eagle Butte, passed away Sunday, December 21, 2025, at Cheyenne River Health Center, Eagle Butte.

Cleveland Jay “CJ” Buckman Jr. was born on November 26, 1976, in Eagle Butte, SD, to Patricia (Brings Plenty) Collier and Cleveland Buckman Sr. of Pine Ridge, SD.

CJ spent most of his life at Cherry Creek, growing up with cousins and friends that became lifetime brothers. He enjoyed country life, riding horses and doing ranch work. He attended school in Dupree for a short time before he left for the Job Corps in Nemo, SD, studying culinary arts and carpentry. He returned to CEB High School and graduated in 1996. In the early 2000’s he worked in maintenance at the IHS Hospital.

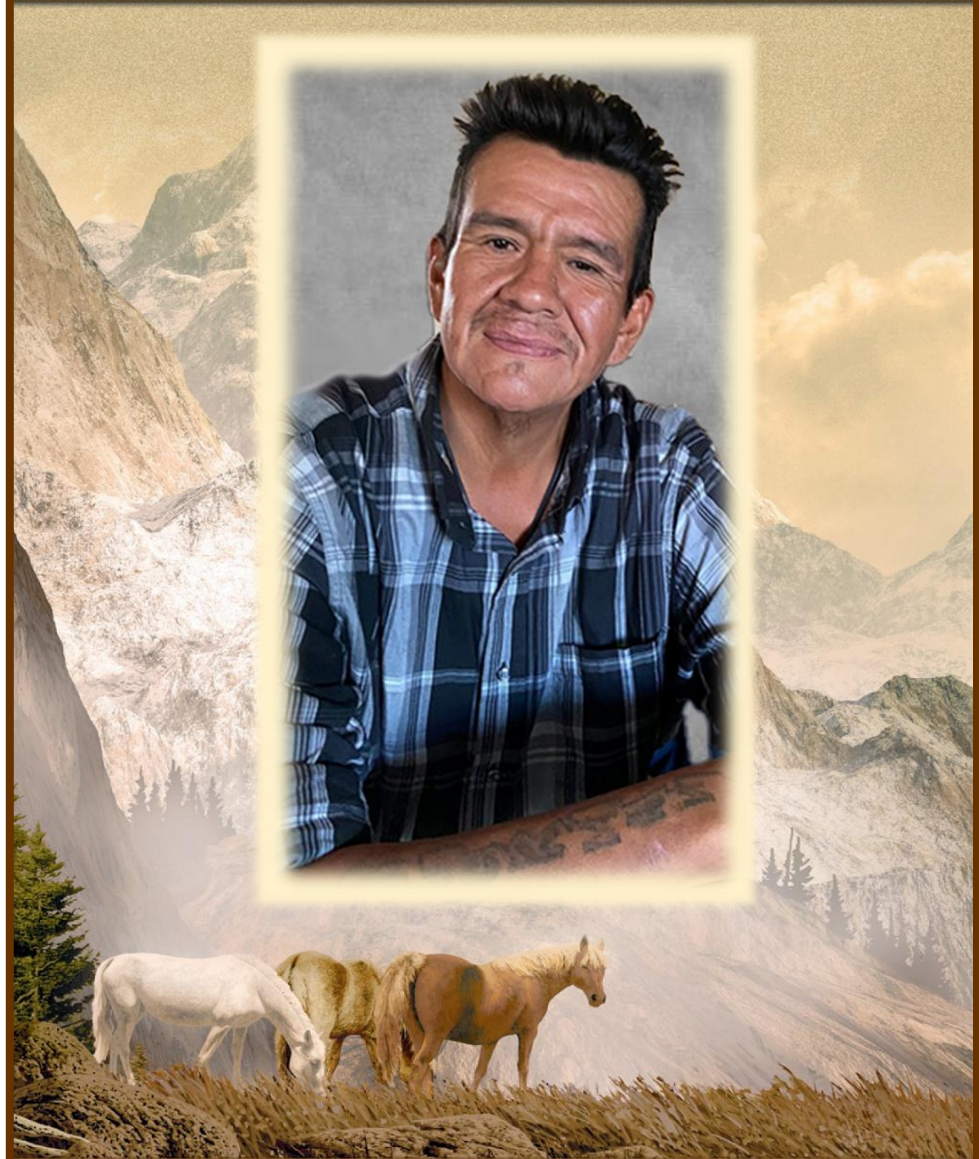
In 2003, he met Merrilee Holy and from that union his daughter, Makayla, was born. In 2005 he moved to Pierre with his family and worked at KFC as a cook.

CJ was an easy-going person who loved to visit friends and family. He enjoyed dancing and listening to country music. He joked and teased around with everyone. He was a very talented artist, sketching and drawing pictures of what caught his interest such as cartoon characters, horses, WWE models, cars, etc. CJ was kind, caring, helpful, and respectful. CJ had many friends, and a special bond with our Aunt Maxine’s dog, Shekira. He was a very hard worker. You could count on him to get the job done.

CJ is survived by his wife, Brenda Houston; sisters, Lakota Condon and Sara Buckman; brothers, Valdon Collier Sr. and Jeremy Buckman; father, Cleveland Buckman Sr.; aunts: Maxine Brings Plenty, Sharon Brings Plenty, Cynthia Raymore, Della Brings Plenty, Delores Curley, June and Valtina Little Shield, Lisa Creek, Delia Francios, Vivian Johnson; uncles: Enoch Brings Plenty, Taron Brings Plenty, Troy “Fats” Brings Plenty, Curtis Creek, Roderick Brings Plenty, Nelson Webb Jr., Orin Blue Hair, Everlie Blue Hair; nieces: Satira Condon, Gisele Vandervier, Farrah Marrowbone, Amy Lablanc, Diamond Stands; nephews: Baptiste Red Dog, Caleb Vandervier II, Aaron Lablanc Jr., Brendon Collier; and many cousins, aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his mother, Patricia (Brings Plenty) Collier; stepdad, Michael Condon Sr.; sister, Clevia Stands; brother, Clinton Buckman; grandma, Eunice (Eagle Horse) Creek; grandpa, Leroy Brings Plenty; and many family members and friends.

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