



The Family Tree

A limb has fallen from the family tree.
I hear a voice that whispers, "Grieve not for me."
Remember the best times, the laughter, the songs,
The good life I lived while I was strong.
Continue my heritage, I'm counting on you.
Keep smiling, the sun will shine through.
My mind is at ease; my soul is at rest,
Remembering all, how I was truly blessed.
Continue traditions, no matter how small,
Go on with your lives, don't stare at the wall.
I miss you all dearly, so keep up your chin,
Until that fine day we're together again.

In Loving Memory Preston Tyrell Jeffries Wicahpi Isnala (Lone Star)

April 29, 1989
Eagle Butte, South Dakota

May 9, 2026
Rapid City, South Dakota

WAKE SERVICE:

7:00 p.m., Tuesday, May 26, 2026
CRST Bingo Hall
Eagle Butte, South Dakota

FUNERAL SERVICE:

10:00 a.m., Wednesday, May 27, 2026
CRST Bingo Hall
Eagle Butte, South Dakota

OFFICIATING:

Traditional: Vernell Sitting Crow

CASKET BEARERS:

Brady Birkeland, Cody Birkeland,
Chris Jeffries, Richard Rousseau, Glen Tapley,
Clay Halfred, John Buffalo,
Eric Phillips, Talon LeBeau, and Thane Jeffries

HONORARY CASKET BEARERS:

All those who loved Ty.
There are so many names we didn't want to miss anyone.

DRUMS: Dacon Bald Eagle and Gage Bald Eagle
All Singers and Drum Groups Welcome

BURIAL: Eagle Butte Cemetery
Next to his father, Mahlon, and his uncle, Milton.



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Preston T. "Ty" Jeffries, 37, of Takini, passed away Saturday, May 9, 2026, at Monument Health in Rapid City. Through his final act of generosity as an organ donor, Ty was able to help save and improve the lives of seven others.

Preston "Ty" Jeffries was born on April 29, 1989, at the IHS Hospital in Eagle Butte, South Dakota, to Florence Bald Eagle and Mahlon Jeffries.

Ty was one of nine siblings: Kyle, Mahlon, Layton, Alex, Kalen, Mathias, Evan, and Byron. He attended school in Red Scaffold and Takini, later attending Riggs High School and Kicking Horse Job Corps, where he earned degrees in culinary arts and mechanics in 2009.

Ty's proudest moment in life was becoming a father to Frank Thomas Jeffries on October 17, 2019. Frank was Ty's right-hand man, his whole world, and his pride and joy. Ty loved taking Frank to new places and teaching him about heavy equipment, machinery, dinosaurs, animals, and music.

Ty was a devoted family man who always looked forward to family gatherings. One of his favorite pastimes was attending horseshoe tournaments. He was an excellent mechanic and enjoyed fishing, hiking, driving, playing guitar, and listening to all kinds of music. Ty truly was the "king of all trades."

Throughout the years, Ty held various jobs, including janitor at Takini School and mechanic at the Dupree Cenex Shop and the EB Coop Shop. His final position was with the CRST Department of Transportation as a heavy equipment operator. He took great pride in his work and was especially proud when he was hired into a permanent full-time position.

Ty met Kaitlyn in 2023, and together they built a life filled with love and adventure. They enjoyed taking Frank, Ares, and Olive on new adventures and making memories together. Ty and Kaitlyn were married on January 24, 2025.

Ty was an amazing father, son, husband, nephew, cousin, and friend. He will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him.

Ty is survived by his mother, Florence Bald Eagle; son, Frank Thomas Jeffries; wife, Kaitlyn Little Wounded; step-children: Ares Carlson and Olive Cochran; siblings: Mahlon, Layton, and Alex Jeffries, Kalen, Mathias, and Evan Bald Eagle, and Byron Waloke; paternal aunts: Catherine Jeffries, Karen Jeffries (Ken Birkeland), Debra Jeffries, Della Jeffries Martinmaas (Cyril Martinmaas), Lonnie Jeffries (Mike Ball), Raylene Marshall; uncle, Waylon Jeffries; maternal grandma, Josee Bald Eagle; maternal aunts: Phyllis Bald Eagle, Eve Bald Eagle Vavra, Inez Bald Eagle White, Sandra Bald Eagle Flying Horse, Roberta Bald Eagle, Nita Bald Eagle, maternal uncles: David Bald Eagle Jr., Floyd Hart, Remi Bald Eagle, Kili Bald Eagle, Wapila Bald Eagle, Hilary Dubray Family.

Ty is preceded in death by his father, Mahlon Jeffries; brother, Kyle Jeffries; uncle: Milton Jeffries; paternal great grandparents, Oscar and Esther Ward White Weasel, Frank and Corrine White Weasel Jeffries; maternal grandparents: Dave Bald Eagle and Clarinda Little Crow; uncles, Llyod Bald Eagle, Sylvan "Scooter" Bald Eagle; maternal aunt, Lily "Marlene" Bald Eagle; cousins, Wade Jeffries, Quintin LeCompte, Kelly Clown, Leo and Latoya Coleman, Jonni Briggs, Tara Morrison; niece, Sahela Sangrait; and numerous relatives from the Anukasun Hopa Tiospaye.

