

Carl Calvin Garreaux, Sr, 55, of Eagle Butte, passed away Saturday, September 5, 2026, at Cheyenne River Health Center, Eagle Butte. Carl leaves behind a legacy filled with love, laughter, kindness, and lasting friendships. His life was marked by humble beginnings and endurance. He was surrounded by his family, who held his hand and comforted him as he transitioned to heaven.

Carl Calvin Garreaux Sr. was born February 15, 1971, in Eagle Butte, South Dakota, to Cyril Garreaux and Beatrice Bowker. He was baptized at the Congregational Church in LaPlant, South Dakota, by Reverend Berry. Carl loved attending church, and it did not matter which church he attended, he simply loved the gospel.

Carl attended school at St. Joseph's Indian School in Chamberlain and at Cheyenne-Eagle Butte.

Carl was a proud father to Tucker, Carl Calvin Jr. "CJ", and McKenzie Josette. He was married to Kristine Martinez, and together they shared a loving family. He was a loving stepfather to Santana Martinez, Jesse Brown, and Raven Brown, whom he raised and loved as his own. Carl cherished his grandchildren, Kaden, Deven, Brooklyn, Kasen, Mysia, Kato, Kayliah, K'Moni, Kenzi, Kali, and K'Myli. He was also a loving brother, uncle, and grandfather and loved his nieces and nephews dearly.

Carl was especially close to his nephews Tyson and Winston and his nieces Del Nita and Alex'E. He shared a special bond with Tyson, and the two enjoyed listening to music together, teasing each other, and sharing plenty of laughs. Tyson was often Carl's "bodyguard," and the two went on many adventures together. Carl loved going out, socializing, and spending time with his uncle, making many special memories along the way. He loved his sister's dog, Khloe Jade, and his cat, "Merle Clampet." He was especially proud of his nephew Jaxson. The two would read the Bible, talk about various things, and watch television together. Carl lived a life that moved with a steady light, and those who knew him will remember a heart that was generous, loving, and gentle. He carried kindness in the way he spoke and offered help before it was asked, always with a humble spirit that never sought praise or recognition. His life was a quiet song of care, and wherever he went, he made it clear that he would always be there for those he loved.

He loved and protected the people he cared for fiercely and would do anything for them. He had a big heart and was always willing to share whatever he had with someone who needed it.

Music was always an important part of Carl's life. One song in particular, "Spirit in the Sky," carried a lifetime of memories for him. He loved music, especially classic country, classic rock, and oldies rock 'n' roll.

Carl also enjoyed sports, especially football, and was a lifelong Dallas Cowboys fan. He was often with his cousin, Jeff Bowker, who was a special part of his life.

Carl's lifelong career in construction began in the early 1990s when his brother-in-law, Alfred, taught him the skills and experience he needed to begin working in the field. Alfred helped him get a job in road construction, where they worked together building bridges on Highway 212 near LaPlant and at numerous other locations throughout South Dakota, working on roads and bridges.

From there, Carl continued working in construction and became a longtime employee of GBA, where he built houses and performed many other types of construction work. He followed his employer to Rapid City, where he became a well-known and highly skilled concrete worker with decades of experience.

Carl took great pride in his work and spoke highly of the people he worked with. He even jokingly referred to himself as "Carl Calvin Concrete." His work was an important part of who he was, and he took great pride in the skills he had developed throughout his career.

Although our hearts were not ready to let him go, we find comfort in knowing that he no longer has to hurt or fight. His body can finally rest, and his spirit is free.

"In three words I can sum up everything I've learned about life: It goes on."

Carl's life, though brief, will go on in the hearts of those who loved him. His memory will continue to shine, and he will be missed beyond measure but never forgotten. Love like his does not fade away. It lingers in the laughter of sisters, brothers, and friends; in the tenderness of a son's or daughter's embrace; and in the family circle that will carry his memory with them every day.

May Carl Calvin rest in peace, wrapped in eternal light and grace. May his memory bring comfort, even as it brings tears, and may those who love him find strength in the days to come. He was generous, loving, and gentle, and those words will forever ring true, for a life so kind leaves a lasting impression.

Some of Carl's most joyful memories were of his two beloved children, CJ and McKenzie, who passed before him. He loved and missed them dearly. When speaking of them, he would smile and cry. He also deeply missed his mother and his baby brother, Smokey.

Carl spent 55 years surrounded by family, and they will always remember him with a good laugh, a big smile, and an even bigger heart that no one can fill. He will always be missed and loved by all. The day Carl passed, September 5, was also the same day, 31 years ago, that his mother passed away. Because of this, September 5 will forever be a sad and meaningful day for the family.

Carl is survived by his son, Tucker Garreaux; his siblings, Anita Thompson and family, Tyrell Garreaux, Carla Lawrence and family, and Richard Laundreaux and family; as well as his grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins, relatives, and friends.

He was preceded in death by his children, Carl "CJ" Garreaux Jr. and McKenzie J. Garreaux; his parents, Cyril Garreaux and Beatrice Bowker Traversie; his brothers, Sheldon Ray Bowker and Smokey Traversie; and his sister, Theresa Lofton; paternal grandparents, William Seraphine and Lillian (Flexible) Garreaux; maternal grandparents, Jonas Sr. and Alice (Shaving) Bowker; paternal aunts and uncles, Delma (Gx) Iron Moccasin, Inez (Gx) Thompson, Esther Garreaux, Yvonne "Yogi" Garreaux, Carl, Calvin, and William Garreaux; maternal aunts and uncles, Evelyn (Bowker) Veaux, Isabelle (Bowker) Slides Off, Delores (Bowker) High Elk, Majel (Bowker) Bird Necklace, Jonas Jr., Clarence, Donald, Darryl, Michael, and Warren Bowker; father-in-law, Cris Martinez; and other relatives and friends.

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In Memory Of

CARL CALVIN GARREAUX, SR.



"Walks With a Good Heart"
Cante Waste Yuha Omani
In God's Hands September 05, 2026



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"

*Always give yourselves fully
to the work of the Lord.*

1 Corinthians 15:58

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WAKE SERVICE

7:00 p.m., Friday, September 25, 2026
CRST Bingo Hall - Eagle Butte, South Dakota

FUNERAL SERVICE

1:00 p.m., Saturday, September 26, 2026
CRST Bingo Hall - Eagle Butte, South Dakota

LEADERS

Bill & Lori Bickle - Billie Rose Garreaux - Shannon Heideman

CASKET BEARERS

Winston Traversie, Tyson Laundreaux, Tanner Garreaux, Tyrell Garreaux Jr., TJ Lawrence, Todd Lawrence Sr.
Smokey Lawrence, Jaxson Laundreaux, Alfred Thompson, Jeff Bowker, Cody Hertal, Clinton Bartlett
Jesse Brown, Tucker Garreaux, Jared Cavanaugh, Ryan Bowker, Richard Laundreaux

WOMEN BEARERS

Alex'E Thompson, Delnita Traversie, Tatum Mendoza, Journey Lawrence, Heather Allen
Talia Garreaux, Woniya Garreaux, Willie Jon Eagle Chasing, Hope Thompson, Gayle Lofton
Jody Kohlus, Mary Azure, Marti Martin, Kristine Martinez, Raven Martinez, Katlyn Thompson
Deanna Trilling, Kim Lawrence, Tori Amiotte, Chrissy Brooks, Sue Baker, Nicky White Eyes
Jessica Haskell, Jeffrey Cavanaugh

HONORARY CASKETBEARERS:

Terry Nelson, Jeff Reznechek, Susie Payne, Bill & Margaret Gunville, Jim & Terry Pearman
Casey & Jeri LaPlante, Billie Rose Garreaux, Connie Garreaux, Lori Garreaux, Lucy Walking Eagle
Rob Mendoza & Cade Calvin, Yamni Uses the Knife, Jolene High Bear, Richard Lofton
Kenny Eagle Chasing, Haven Colombe, Scott & Gloria Laundreaux, Ceci Allen, Cray Allen, Chase Pay Pay
Rose Bruguier & Family, Christie Thunder Shield & Family, Kenton & Gloria Thompson, Sheila Thompson
Joe & Mary Azure, Louella Thompson, Delbert Bruguier & Family, Tonya High Elk, Arlee High Elk & Family
Ronnie and Doretta Bowker & Family, Harley Bowker & Family, Lisa Bowker & Family
Shelly Scott & Family, Darlene Bowker & Family, Lester Bowker, Darial Bowker
Jerome & Trudy LeBeau & Family, Heather LeBeau & Family, Frankie Hernandez & Family
Arianna Two Bulls Kendrick, Shannon Marshall & Family, Kenneth Marshall Jr.
Shannon Heidiman & Family, Angel Gilbert & Family, Ina LeBeau, Clara LeBeau & Family
Florence Halfred & Family, Larry LeBeau & Family, Fred & Brenda Scott, Sherri Turning Heart, Deann LeBeau
Sam LeBeau, Casper Ducheneaux, Orville Clown & Family, Alice Valenzuela & Family
Trinity Red Elk & Family, Jess Mike & Family, Darshan Long & Family, Betty Dupris & Family
Dolly Jo Knife & Family, Martha Garreaux, Ilise Oakie, Frankie & Connie Cavanaugh, Jess Hall & Family
Hobbie Bowker, Perry & Bonnie LeClaire, Geri Kennedy, Jonni Hertel, Kelly Hertel, Rhonda Good Shield
Bill Knight, Greg Thompson & Family, Patricia Bowker & Family, Michelle & Melanie Benoist
Rita Laundreaux & Markus, Sonya Shaving, Mike Shaving, Jennie LeBeau, Norma Shaving
Pat Eagle Chasing Jr, Jannon Dog Eagle, Bud Halfred, Richard Haskell, Pete Knight, Marlene Shaffer
Todd & Janell Ward, Kelcie Lawrence, Carmen O'Neal, Bob Keckler & Family Members, Brad Briscoe
Big Sue, Cap LeCompte & Chasity Miner, Natasha Rooks, High Bear Family, Donavan Pretty Weasel & Family
Jason Dupris, Walters Tiyospaye, Lee Tiyospaye, Garreaux Tiyospaye, Bowker Tiyospaye
Rhonda Uses the Many & Family, Ronica Eagle Chasing & Family, Lonnie White Eyes, Jared Lawrence
Marsha Schafer, Nancy West, Lawrence Family, Garrett Lee, Keri & Kris Lawrence, Dusty & Blaine Traversie
Travis Garreaux, Hope Bowker, Marcy & Terry Fiddler, Cheryl LeCompte, Patch Morrison, Leslie LeCompte
Terry Collins & Family, Renessa Bowker & Family, Dawnece & Mike Bush, Tom & Nadine Shaving & Family
Ed & Edmund Widow, Forrest Spraw, Chico DuBray & Family, Jim & Brandon Byrd, Manual Brown
Tom Pickner, Margarita Cortes & Family, Ricardo Cortes & Family, Albert Cortes & Family, Faye Rodriguez
Michael Rodriguez, Alex Jiron & Family, Henry Black Tail Deer, Billie Jo Martinez, Doug Martinez
Shane Montgomery & Family, Jay Burnett, Julian Houston, Paula & Pedro Ramirez & Family, Angel Talbot
Adriann King, Justin Jones, Elida Bad Hand & Family, Leland & Roby Logg, All co-workers from GBA (Glenn
Barber & Associates) Aberle Construction, All of his construction friends he worked with
Class of '89, St. Joe's former students
Please forgive us at this very difficult time if we left you out. It was not intentional.
Carl was loved by so many, and we thank you all for being part of his life.

BURIAL

Congregational Cemetery - LaPlant, South Dakota

