

**Cold wind blown sapling struggles to grow
In a season to which it was born late
The warmth of the sun refuses to show
And settles this frail sprouts fate**

**A direct descendant of the Sitting Bull Sioux
Born to a world destined to hate
A more natural man than the modern man knew
And settles this loving man's fate**

**The one stem tree struggles to live
Seeking warmth water and light
Times have changed there is nothing to give
And shrouds this frail sprouts fight**

**On a cold blustery morning we buried this man
The trees were bowed from the cold
But I saw past the fence in another man's land
A sapling determined to hold**



**Victor Verdell St. John,
Was Born March 5, 1950, In Rosebud SD,
to Doris Katherine Ree-St. John and Odell St. John Sr.
Victor passed on to the spirit world May 31, 2022,
at Avera Hospital Pierre SD, at the
age of 72 years 3 months and 26 days.**



I am coming home

Survivors include his children: his daughters: Tina, Tracy, Nicole, Cherish; sons: Derek and Victor Jr.; grandchildren and great grandchildren: Milton Kim and Angel Warrior Summers, Caspen, Aspen, Gracie St. John, Chris, Jr., James, Ashlyn Two Bears, Gina, and Montclair; his siblings: brothers: Emery & Gwen of Fargo, ND, Odell, James, Kelly of Ft Thompson, Kevin and Kathy of Rapid City; sisters: Sandra and Phelix Sepulveda of California, Mary Hoisington, Brenda, Glenda all of Ft Thompson, Bonnie Fae of Big Bend; nephews: Valdon and Dulce of Dickinson, ND, Jerry and Jay of Cherry Creek, Jessie, John, Matthew, Lakota Sepulveda of Ft. Thompson, Joaquin and Leslie of California, Bryon Eagle Man of Rapid City, Marcus Howe of Pierre, Kallen of Rosebud, Jordan, Gaston of Pierre, Jack Iron Boulder of Big Bend; nieces: Stephanie and Erik Mountain of California, Marie, Carol, Donna of Fargo, ND, Lidia Skunk of Lower Brule, Shawna of Florida, Selena and Jose of California, Joie of Rapid City, Amanda and Mike Deville of Mandree, ND, Savannah of Michigan, Marveen Ross of Columbia, Missouri, and Francesca and Hailey Ross of Mandree, ND.

Greeting him in the spirit world are his parents: Doris and Odell Sr.; brothers: Philip and Keith; grandparents: Solomen and Ruth, Hosea, Sr. and Eunice Ree and Gail Touch; a dear friend he loved; and all his relatives that have passed before him.

Our father, brother, uncle, grandpa, great-grandpa, relative he has come from a very big family so many loved and cherished him and his crazy jokes and sense of humor a quiet man but when he speaks from time to time his good sense of humor comes out. He always wanted people to just be happy as he would say and state life is too short, for us not sure what he was feeling deep down but he would always think of others. Victor was and still is a strong spirit man he has faced many challenges in life after returning home from Vietnam, that is when his life has change but the most of all he kept surviving for his beautiful children, grandchildren, great grandchildren; and his family that he loved so dearly. He will truly be missed but will always be cherished and remembered in our hearts.

Arrangements Entrusted to
Luze Funeral Home – Highmore, SD
www.familyfuneralhome.net

Services will be held at
Big Bend SD Catholic Church
June 7th, 8th, & 9th, 2022
Services will start Tuesday 7:00 PM,
Burial with Military Honors
at St. Catherine's Cemetery

Casket Bearers

Milton Summers - Angel Summers

Jay St. John - Lakota Sepulveda

Marcus Howe - Matthew St. John - Jonathan St. John

Jerry St. John - Kallen St. John - Jack Iron Boulder

Honorary Pall Bearers

Joaquin Sepulveda - Selena Sepulveda - Brent Sazue

Felix Sepulveda - Valdon St. John - Van St. John

Gaston Voice - Jordan St. John - Andy Gabe

Jessie St. John - Victor Allen St. John - Derek St. John

James Big Eagle - Lori Tuttle/Hall - Merle Marks

Lyle Medicine Crow - Fabian Howe - Elinor Dunn

Don Paul Touche - Erick Voice Sr. - Londell Seaboy

Stephanie & Erick Mountain - Amanda & Mike Deville

Cody St. John - Peter Lengkee - Lisa Lengkee

HONORING ALL VETERANS

