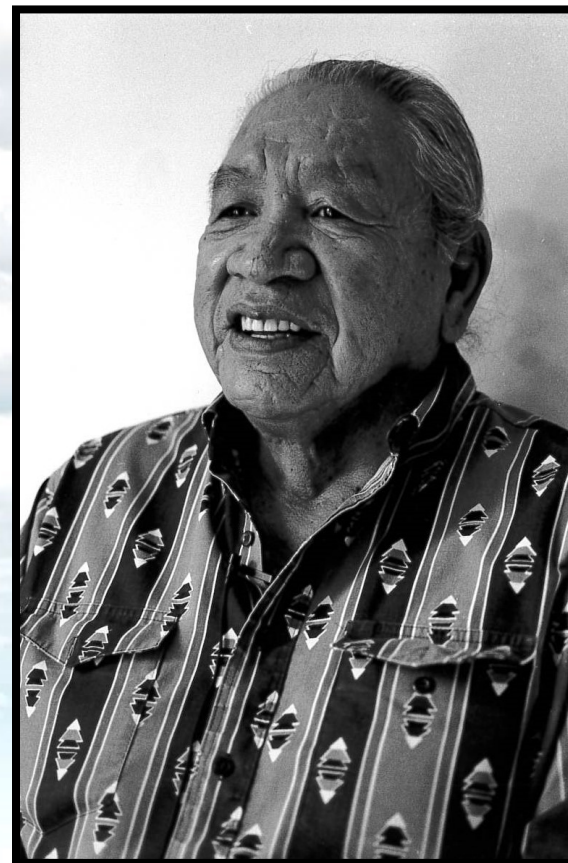




DON'T BE SAD

Don't be sad and lonely,
Because I've gone away.
Think about me only,
When it's a brighter day.
Don't waste your time crying,
Since I'm no longer here.
You have spent enough time,
Showing me that you care.
Wipe away your sadness,
For tears won't bring relief.
Cherish the memories,
Forget about your grief.
If I could be with you,
That is where I would be,
But I have no power,
To change life's destiny.
So try to be happy,
Don't mourn your life away,
For we'll be together,
At the end of life's day.



Celebrating the Life of

Melvin B. Grey Owl

March 18, 1932 – September 4, 2023

Melvin Bernard Grey Owl, Wicasa Wogadaka Psa, (They Talk About Him), was born March 18, 1932, in Fort Thompson, SD to John Pius and Sophia (Touch the Earth) Grey Owl. He was one of 11 children and was the last of them to leave this earth.

Melvin lived most of his life on the Crow Creek Sioux Reservation, but he was always a traveler at heart. He visited many American Indian homelands and numerous states in his years of adventure.

In his marriage to Mary Ann Hieb, he brought two children into the world, Sophia Rose born February 21, 1975, and John Pius on October 26, 1976.

He married his wife, Victoria, of 19 years on July 24, 2004.

Melvin was a man of service, after over 40 years of sobriety, he reached out to others on the reservation and with his kindness and gratitude and shared his story with them. His spiritual and cultural message found its way into many hearts over the years.

He found himself skilled in many areas, such as an alcohol counselor for his tribe and others, representative elder for Sioux Nation Treaty Council, est. 1894, and he even traveled to Geneva, Switzerland to speak to the United Nation Indigenous Committee a few times. Since he was on the road quite often, he could be found helping hitchhikers get to their destinations, helping them with their broken-down vehicle, getting groceries, gas, or trying to see family. Melvin would never pass up an opportunity to help someone in need.

Melvin will be remembered for his remarkable storytelling about all his years and all the exciting tales that came with them.

He leaves behind his wife of 19 years, Victoria (Wade) Grey Owl; son, John Pius Grey Owl; and many relatives and friends.

Melvin was preceded in death by his parents; daughter, Sophia Rose and 10 siblings.

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Private Service

1:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 12, 2023

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