

## ***I MADE IT HOME***

I just wanted to let you know that I made it home. The journey wasn't an easy one, but it didn't take too long. Everything is so pretty here, so white, so fresh, so new. I wish that you could close your eyes, so you could see it too. Please try not to be sad for me. Try to understand. God is taking care of me... I'm in the shelter of His hands. Here there is no sadness, no sorrow, and no pain. Here there is no crying, and I'll never hurt again. Here is so peaceful when all the angels sing. I really have to go now... I've just got my new wings.



## ***Emery Loren St. John***

### **Date & Place of Birth**

October 13, 1952, ~ Pierre, SD

### **He entered the Spirit World on**

December 16, 2023, ~ Fargo, ND

### **Funeral Procession**

Thursday, December 21, 2023, at 3:00 P.M  
Luze Funeral Home, Highmore, SD

### **Wake Services**

Thursday, December 21, 2023  
Tribal Hall in Ft. Thompson, SD at 7:00 P.M  
Friday, December 22, 2023  
Tribal Hall in Ft. Thompson, SD at 7:00 PM

### **Funeral**

Saturday, December 23, 2023  
Tribal Hall, Ft. Thompson, SD at 11:00 AM

### **Speaking**

Londell Seaboy

### **Final Resting Place**

St. Katherine's Cemetery ~ Big Bend, SD

## ***Honoring the Life of***



## ***Emery Loren St. John***

**October 13, 1952 ~ December 16, 2023**

Emery Loren St. John, Ho Waste Hoksna "Good Voice Boy" was born in Pierre, S.D. to Odell St. John Sr. and Doris (Ree) St. John on October 13, 1952. He attended elementary school in Harrold SD. Graduated from Stephan Missionary High School. Later, he joined the Army and was in Ft. Ord, CA for basic training. After completing basic training, he was stationed in Germany.

Later in life, he went onto Mitchell Vo-Tech for plumbing. Worked in Pierre as a plumber for a while, then moved to Denver to work as a welder until he was diagnosed with Rheumatoid arthritis and could no longer work. In 1991 he moved to North Dakota and made it his home.

In 1983, Emery married the love of his life Gwen, a beautiful reminder, married through sickness and health, until death did them apart. She has taken care of our Dear Emery until he was ready to leave to the spirit world. Even though he could be stubborn, she always made sure his health was taken care of.

As we celebrate the life and times of Emery St. John, he was a caring, family oriented, peaceful soul. He opened his home to all and would give the shirt off his back. He loved his people and his culture; he spent many years on the pow wow trail using his gift of drums and singing. He served his country and earned the respect of his people. There was no killing the Indian in Emery, which represented the man he is, a silent fighter. Low smooth tone with a loud smile and his signature chuckle. Emery wasn't known for grand speeches, and long lectures. He has a welcoming demeanor and when he told his stories, you were drawn in. Plenty of rich history, and thoughtful lessons were passed down through generations he would kindly share. He was a blessing to all and will be greatly missed. A phrase often shared by Emery, "there are no goodbyes in our language" So see you later.

He is survived by his wife, Gwen (Holy Elk Face) St. John, 3 daughters, Marie Red Horn, Eternity Savanh, and Donna Lee. One adopted son Kurt Moose, and one adopted daughter Kristy Goulet.

Brothers- Odell St. John Jr, Jim St. John, Kelly St. John of Fort Thompson, Kevin St. John (Kathie) Rapid City. Sisters- Sandra Sepulveda (Felix) San Bernardino, CA, Mary St. John, Brenda St. John, and Glenda St. John of Fort Thompson SD and Bonnie St. John Harrold. Also, his many grandsons, granddaughters, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews from both sides of the family.

He's proceeded in death by parents- Odell St. John Sr, Doris St. John. Maternal and paternal Grandparents Hosea and Eunice (Day) Ree, Solomon and Ruth (Sargent) St. John. Brothers- Victor, Phillip, and Keith. His nephew, Gaston Voice, and niece Tammy "Chops" St. John, Carlita St. John. Grandson, Benicio Voice. Great grandson, Wicahpi Yamni Hokshi Big Eagle.



## ***Casket Bearers***

<b><i>Jay St. John</i></b>	<b><i>Michael Savanh</i></b>
<b><i>Jerry St. John</i></b>	<b><i>Anthonie</i></b>
<b><i>Valdon St. John</i></b>	<b><i>Kaisen</i></b>
<b><i>Matt St. John</i></b>	<b><i>Kato</i></b>
<b><i>Jesse St. John</i></b>	<b><i>Journey Agard</i></b>
<b><i>Jon St. John</i></b>	<b><i>Cash</i></b>
<b><i>Marcus Howe</i></b>	<b><i>Houston</i></b>
<b><i>Lakota Sepulveda</i></b>	<b><i>Wakin</i></b>
<b><i>Kellan St. John</i></b>	<b><i>Easton</i></b>
<b><i>Cody St. John</i></b>	<b><i>Akie</i></b>
<b><i>Joaquin Sepulveda</i></b>	<b><i>Holden</i></b>
<b><i>Jack Iron Boulder</i></b>	<b><i>Dakota</i></b>
<b><i>Jordan St. John</i></b>	<b><i>Ashakawee</i></b>
<b><i>Byron</i></b>	<b><i>Gage Stepp</i></b>
	<b><i>Oliver Gourd</i></b>
	<b><i>Charlie Gourd</i></b>

## ***Honorary Pallbearers***

Danny Red Horn, Thanouphone Savanh, Michael Lee, Kurt moose, Christy Goulet, Adopted Indian Daughter & Brother. Michael and Amanda Deville. Londell Seaboy. Rick Voice. Will Peters. Breon.

The friends he made over the years on the pow wow trail. Extended family he has gained from his travels.

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