

*You've kept track of all my wandering and my weeping.  
You've stored my many tears in your bottle – not one will  
be lost. For they are all recorded in your book of  
remembrance.*

*Psalms 56:8 TPT*



### ***Afterglow***

*I'd like the memory of me to be a happy one.  
I'd like to leave an afterglow of smiles when life is done.  
I'd like to leave an echo whispering softly down the ways,  
Of happy times and laughing times and bright and sunny days.  
I'd like the tears of those who grieve,  
To dry before the sun;  
Of happy memories that I leave when life is done.*

*In Loving Memory of*

# **Paul Lawrence Battese**

May 21, 1947 ~ February 12, 2025

### **Wake Services**

*Lower Brule Community Center  
Lower Brule, SD*

*7:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 18, 2025*

*7:00 p.m., Wednesday, February 19, 2025*

### **Funeral Service**

*Lower Brule Community Center  
Lower Brule, SD*

*1:00 p.m., Thursday, February 20, 2025*

### **Officiating**

*Nathan Herman  
Anthony Cortez*

### **Casketbearers**

*Zane C. Ziegler  
Jameson R. Ziegler  
Jonathan L. Ziegler  
Victor R. Ziegler*

*Jordan C. Ziegler  
Zachery L. Ziegler  
Stephen-Paul N. Ziegler  
Philip A. Battese, Jr.*

### **Honorary Bearers**

*Darrin Flute  
Edmund Long Turkey  
Robin Morehouse  
Tyrone Hanna  
Ronald Smith  
Natalie Bumsted*

*Lambert DeShequette  
Rich Langdeau  
Kimberly Morris  
Dena Jepsen  
Ashely DeShequette  
Kathy (Rencountre) Blacksmith  
Staff of the Sanford Care Center, Chamberlain*

### **Interment**

*St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery  
Lower Brule, SD*

**Arrangements By:** *Hickey Funeral Home, Chamberlain, SD*

Paul L. Battese, 77, of Lower Brule, SD, returned to the loving arms of the Lord on February 12, 2025.

Paul Lawrence Battese was born on May 21, 1947, to Julia Ann (DeWitt) and Paul Cornelius Battese in Holton, Kansas.

As the first grandchild Paul had a special bond with his grandmother Lema Rose and was very dear to her heart. His greatest joy was becoming a big brother after the birth of his dear sister Cheryl Marie.

After moving to South Dakota, Julia married Philip Issac Yellow Robe and this union blessed the family with the births of siblings Melanie Ann, twins Camille Rose and Cecille Elaine and Philip Anthony.

Often, Paul reflected affectionately on his time spent in Alaska with his Aunt Virginia and Uncle Martin "Red" Hanna, forming a close bond with his dearest cousins Burton, Brent, Robin, Kimberly "Kimmie" and Tyrone "Chill"; cherishing them just like his siblings.

Although family relationships were cherished, Paul's adventurous spirit led him to leave home and explore the country. He traveled throughout various states but always made trips home to South Dakota for visits.

The vibrant music, joyous festivities and diverse attractions drew Paul to New Orleans, Louisiana, where he resided with his best friend Jim.

At the tender age of 31, Paul had a life-altering accident but the outcome of the accident did not diminish his zest for life; he lived a life without regrets or physical constraints.

His heart called him home to his mother and upon his return to South Dakota, he enjoyed the years with his siblings and was proud to witness his nieces and nephews embark on their own life journeys.

He had an extraordinary gift for connecting with others, always eager to share inspiring stories of his life adventures, discuss memorable music concerts, current events or local sports teams. He beamed with pride for his special nephew Stephen-Paul and the Lower Brule High School football team during their remarkable 2004-2005 season.

Due to health issues, Paul became a resident at the Sanford Care Center in Chamberlain, SD where he remained until his passing. He formed many friendships with other residents and the compass. Paul lived an extraordinary life that radiated his remarkable character, he loved unconditionally, eagerly offered help and lifted people's spirits with his witty humor.

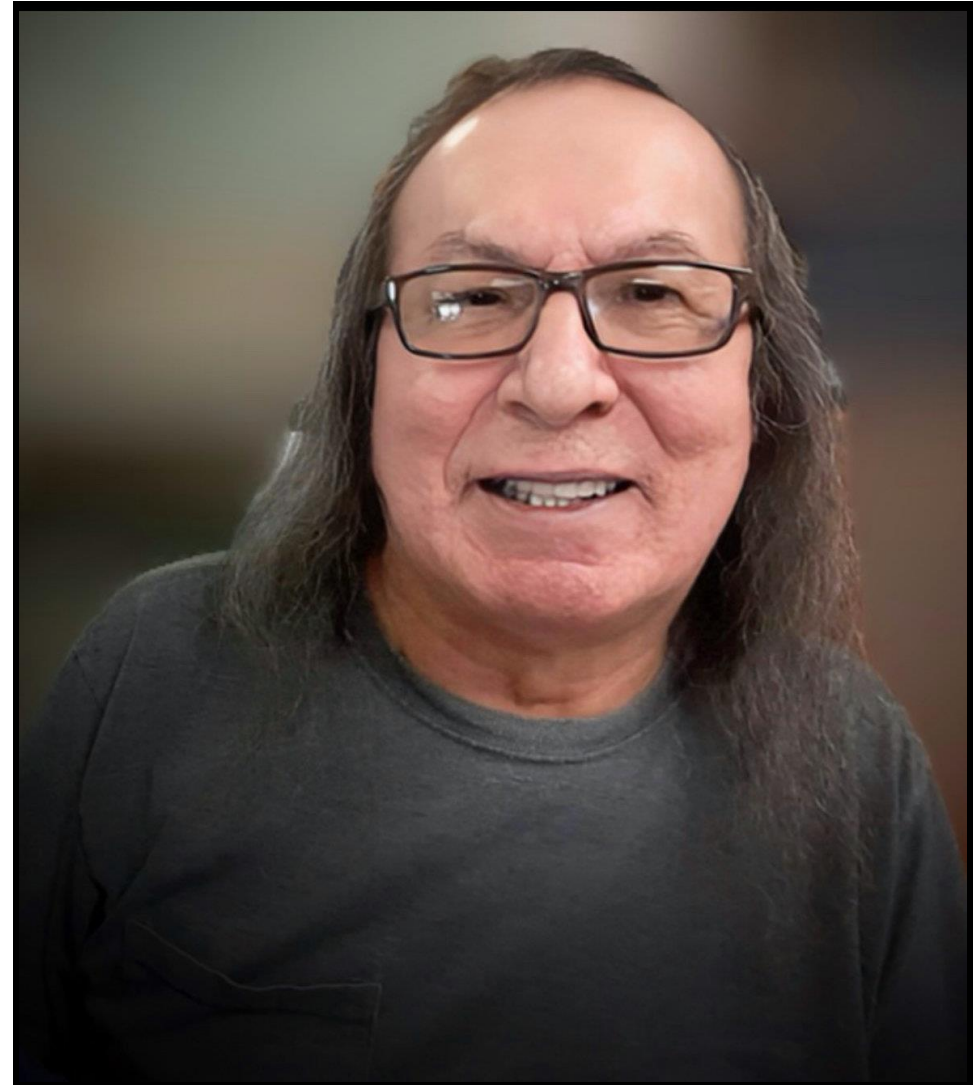
After a courageous battle with a brief illness, Paul entered eternal glory on February 12, 2025 reuniting with his loved ones that went on before him.

The good Lord blessed us with a truly special person, he'll be deeply missed yet we find comfort in knowing he's reunited with his sisters.

Truly blessed to be part of his remarkable life is his devoted mother Julia (DeWitt) Yellow Robe, siblings Cecille McBride and Philip A. Battese, Sr., cousins Burton Hanna, Robin (Hanna) Morehouse, Kimberly (Hanna) Morris, Tyrone Hanna, Denise (LeCompte) Estes, Paula (LeCompte) Boehrs, Jolene (LeCompte) Lawrence, Leo LeCompte, Aunt Sandra DeWitt, many other cousins, nieces, nephews, and grandchildren too numerous to name.

Preceding him in death are his grandparents Lema (Eagle Star) and John DeWitt, father Paul C. Battese, beloved sisters Camille, Cheryl and Melanie, his Uncles Burton DeWitt, Charles DeWitt, Everett DeWitt, Howard DeWitt, Luther DeWitt, Vincent DeWitt, special Uncle Martin Hanna, Aunts Elaine (DeWitt) Estes, Hilda DeWitt, Marion (DeWitt) LeCompte, Virginia (DeWitt) Hanna, Sharon (DeWitt) Bingen, Cousins Brent Hanna, Desiree (LeCompte) Gray, Julia Faye Black Elk, Nieces Rayona Battese, Miranda Goodlow and grandsons Braven Roth and Keenan Roth plus other relatives too numerous to name.

## *In Loving Memory Of*



*Paul Lawrence Battese*

1947 ~ 2025