

In Loving Memory of
Richard Duane Medicine Eagle, Jr.

Sunrise ~ Sunset
June 26, 1954 ~ July 5, 2026

*When I come to the end of the day
And the sun has set for me
I want no rites in a gloom-filled room.*

*Why cry for a soul set free?
Miss me a little, but not too long
And not with your head bowed low.
Remember the love we once shared-
Miss me, but let me go.*

*For this is a journey we all must take
And each must go alone.
It's all a part of the Maker's plan,
A step on the road to home.
When you are lonely and sick at heart
Go to the friends we know
And bury your sorrows in doing good deeds-
Miss me, but let me go.*

Wake Services

*Lower Brule Community Center, Lower Brule, SD
7:00 p.m., Sunday, July 12, 2026*

Funeral Service

*Lower Brule Community Center, Lower Brule, SD
10:00 a.m., Monday, July 13, 2026*

Officiating

*Father Floriber Bulo, SCJ
Father Marius Saputra, SCJ
Sisters of the MCM & TMM*

Drum Group ~ "Maza Oyate"

*Ben Estes
Les Estes
Milton Eagle Star*

*Jeshua Estes
Clyde Estes*

*Beezba Estes
Kevin Wright
Amiel Flute*

Casketbearers

*Troy LaRoche
Wade Felicia
Noah Grassrope
Leighton LaRoche
Monte Iron Heart*

*Waylon Grassrope
Rodney Smith
Dorrelle Estes
Darrell "Igor" LaRoche
William Russell*

Honorary Bearers

*All his many family and friends who loved him.
Too numerous to mention*

Interment

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

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



“Richie with a T”

Richie was born June 26, 1952, to Geraldine Andrews and Richard Medicine Eagle Sr in Rosebud, SD.

He attended grade school in Winner, SD and attended high school in Rosebud, SD. Richie favorite high school sport was track. In 1986, Richie ran the 400-meter dash in 52.9 seconds and the 1600 Meter Relay in 1:16. 32 seconds, setting a new school record. Richie often spoke of his winnings. He was proud of his record.

After graduation, Richie worked for the IRS for 10 yrs in Pittsburg, CA. He made his life there with his children: Shelly Medicine Eagle, Chanda Medicine Eagle, and Duane Medicine Eagle.

In 2007, Richie decided it was time to come home and take care of his mother; Geraldine Andrews, until her passing.

Richie was a simple man. He kept his home in Lower Brule, SD where he lived a simple life entertained with friends and family on a daily and his sister Janelle, who took care of him as he began to show his age as he slowed down.

Richie entered the spirit world on Sunday, July 5, 2026, in his home, leaving behind his three children; Shelly Medicine Eagle of AZ, Chanda Medicine Eagle of CA, Duane Medicine Eagle of CA, two sisters; Carole Felicia (Leslie Flute) and Janelle Medicine Eagle (Bim Estes) of Lower Brule, SD. One brother; Doyle Medicine Eagle (Laura Bagola) of Sioux Falls, SD. Five grandchildren: Nina, MaeLani, Jah’Lonie, Scipio, and Naser. Many numerous nieces, nephews, grandchildren and friends.

Richie is preceded in death by his parents; Geraldine Andrews and Richard Medicine Eagle Sr. Sisters Eleanor Andrews, Shirley LaRoche, and Wilma Medicine Eagle, Brother Timmy Whirlwind Soldier, niece Alexis LaRoche, nephews Evan Grassrope and Maza Grassrope, and granddaughter Kelsey Grassrope.



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