

In Loving Memory of
Antoine Allen LaRoche, Jr. "Pudgy"
November 7, 1942~ March 6, 2026

I Said A Prayer

I said a prayer for you today and know God must have heard.

I felt the answer in my heart, although He spoke no word!

I didn't ask for wealth or fame (I knew you wouldn't mind).

I asked Him to send treasures of a far more lasting kind!

I asked that He'd be near you, at the start of each new day.

To grant you health and blessings, and friends to share your way!

I asked for happiness for you, in all things great and small.

But it was for His loving care, I prayed the most of all!

Wake Services

Lower Brule Community Center

Lower Brule, SD

7:00 p.m., Sunday, March 15, 2026

7:00 p.m., Monday, March 16, 2026

Funeral Service

Lower Brule Community Center

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1:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 17, 2026

Officiating

Fr. Kim Fonder

Shirley Crane

Charlie Quinn

Casketbearers

Jeremy Langdeau

Fredrick LaRoche

John Estes

Dominique LaRoche

Allen McGhee

Coy Reinhard

Harvey LaRoche

Ervin Flute

Cayne Reinhard

Honorary Bearers

LaRoche family

Lee Roth

Tracy Dowling & Family

Jean Bolman & family

Brian & Bobbie Ziegler

Debbie & Larry Haukaas

Darrell & Dawn Middletent

Dale Middletent & family

Marletta Merritt & family

Kenna Harmon

Patti Ross

Jay Maz Estes

Chris and Jeff Jones

Pearl Kirkie

Leah GrassRope

Ian GrassRope

Travis LaRoche

Jewel Jandreau & family

CJ & Sammie LaRoche

Barry & Kathy Heiss

Rj Estes

Peggy Estes

Malinda Young

Davis Grooms

Jandreau family

Donita Johnson

Shirley Crane

Bugsy Thompson

Marlys Medicine Bird

Mary Jane Gourneau & family

Patty Gourneau & family

Stephanie Langdeau & family

Jason and Lil Everette Goodface

Brian & Desiree LaRoche

John McCauley & family

Roddy & Randy Jandreau

Pooh & Misty Ziegler

Sam Flute

His many friends & relatives

Aj Heiss & family

Jay Langdeau

Fritz & Cheryl LaRoche

Paul & Ellen Bad Moccasin

Tom Ziegler & family

Julia Yellow Robe

Woody & Lisa Estes

Roland Crane & family

Alfreda & Gwen LaRoche

Clevia Red Wing

Dean McGhee

Kaura Big Crow

Lynn Larson Means

Mandy Roth

Loretta GrassRope

Perry Estes

Mary Schad

Charles & Amanda Flute

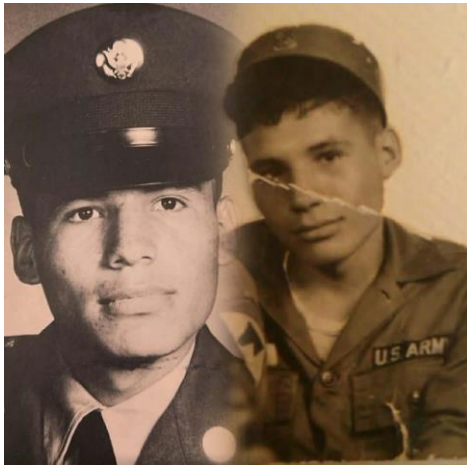
Kyla & Kansas Middletent

Diamond Aces Softball Team

Avantara Nursing Home

Interment

Holy Comforter Episcopal Cemetery, Lower Brule, SD



Ozanzan T'o Hoksila-Antoine Allen LaRoche Jr. "Pudgy" was born November 7, 1942 in Fort Thompson South Dakota to Antoine LaRoche Sr. and Vera St. Pierre. He grew up in LaRoche Bottom and went to boarding school at PILC and Flandreau Indian School, he also attended Stanley County until his junior year. He then enlisted in the Army during peace time. After the army he met Diane Pourier and in this union they had two children, Shawn and Theresa LaRoche. After

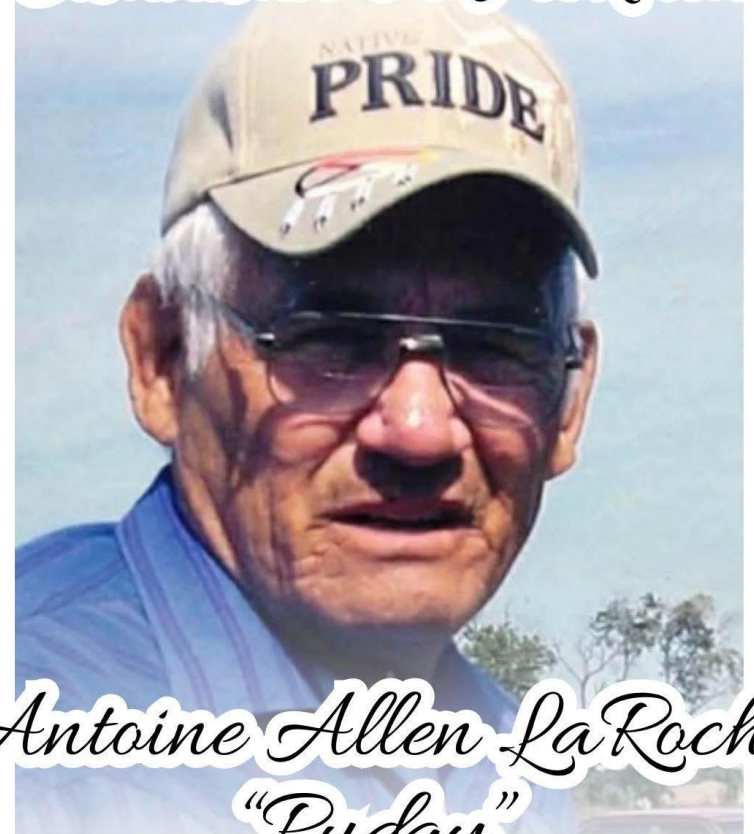
moving to and from California he then married Rachel Eagle Thunder and in this union they had five children, Jolene, James, Damon (Kojak), Kim, and Jeremy. Pudgy enrolled in trade school as an electrician in Jackson Minnesota. He held many jobs throughout the community such as working at the Fort Thompson dam, on a fencing crew, a ranch hand most of his life, ambulance director, and pow wow committee with Kenna Harmon. Eventually retired as a caretaker of the Lower Brule Sioux Tribal ranch. He helped raise his grandchildren, Joshua, Torey, Tia, Taylor, Lara, Jeremy, and Sunni, his great grandchildren Allen, Gabby, and Auriemma. Pudgy had a great sense of humor, always teasing and joking around with people making them laugh! He enjoyed watching softball, UConn lady Huskies, New York Yankees, and horse racing. He especially loved spending time with his great grandchildren and watching them grow, they were his pride and joy!

Pudgy entered the spirit world on March 6, 2026 at 8:51 a.m. at Avera McKennan hospital in Sioux Falls, surrounded by family.

Gratefully sharing his life are his sisters Kay Whitney and Emma (Cody) Russell of Lower Brule, Roberta Schuler of Idaho, Donna Huber of Minnesota and his brother Harvey LaRoche of Lower Brule. His children Shawn and James of Lower Brule, Theresa and Damon of Sioux Falls, Jolene and Kim of Pierre, 29 grandchildren, 33 great grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews. Special nieces Shyla LaRoche and Fanchon and Cherlyn Reinhard.

Proceeding him in death are his parents Tony and Vera LaRoche. His son Jeremy LaRoche. Brothers Marvin, Sam, Louis, Bill, Rick LaRoche, and Francis Ziegler. Sisters Robin and Lana LaRoche, Rita Langdeau, Jackie Jandreau, Sandra Swift Eagle, and Amy Delaney. Hunka sisters Manerva, Effie, and Connie Iron Elk. Grandson Kevin LaRoche. Granddaughters Rachel and Gabriella LaRoche, Krista Goodface, Taylor McGhee and Angel, Kyleigha, Brylee, and Bethany LaRoche and Great grandchildren Evelina Derzab and Vincent Henley.

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