### *I'm Free*

*Don't grieve for me, for now, I'm free,*
*I'm following the path God laid for me.*
*I took his hand when I heard him call,*
*I turned my back and left it all.*

*I could not stay another day*
*to laugh, to love, to work or play.*
*I've found that peace at the close of day.*

*If my parting has left a void,*
*then fill it with remembered joy.*
*A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,*
*Ah, yes, these things I too will miss.*

*Be not burdened with times of sorrow*
*I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.*
*My life's been full, I savored much,*
*Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.*

*Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,*
*Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.*
*Lift up your heart and share with me,*
*God wanted me now; He set me free.*

*In Loving Memory of*

# Martin Lloyd Big Eagle

October 23, 1996 ~ October 31, 2024

**Wake Services**

*St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Fort Thompson, SD*
*7:30 p.m., Wednesday, November 6, 2024*
*7:00 p.m., Thursday, November 7, 2024*

**Funeral Service**

*St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Fort Thompson, SD*
*10:00 a.m., Friday, November 8, 2024*

**Officiating**

*Fr. Jean Claude SCJ* *Fr. Christianus Hendrik SCJ*
*Deacon Steve McLaughlin*

**Casketbearers**

*Don Big Eagle Sr.*
*Donald "Gabe" Big Eagle III*
*Demitrius Don Harrison*
*Benjamin Big Eagle*
*Wambdi Jennesse*
*July Marks*
*Vincent Big Eagle*
*Daryl Jones*
*Thomas Lloyd Drapeau*
*Eric Big Eagle*
*Anthony Touche*

**Honorary Bearers**

*Wilhelmina Patterson*
*Jason Jennesse*
*Derek Kennedy*
*Darius Jennesse*
*Maurice Johnson*
*Jake Big Eagle*
*Harvey Stevie Jennesse*
*Durine Chase*
*Misty Meyer*
*Tamarick Jennesse*
*Janice Jennesse*
*Bailey Big Eagle*
*Trajan Big Eagle*
*Arlis Big Eagle*
*Mildred Jennesse*
*Kevin Big Eagle*
*Cory Chase*
*Bernard Big Eagle*
*Nicholas Big Eagle*
*Dustin Meyer*
*Matt Thompson*
*Jan Big Eagle*
*Chino Gonzales*
*AJ Alayna St. John*
*Stanley Jennesse*
*Crystal Big Eagle*
*Tim Big Eagle*
*Makayla Rabbit*
*Jerold Picotte*
*Leslie Jennesse*
*Tony Big Eagle*
*Mona Big Eagle*
*Sarah Big Eagle*
*Schuyler Roberts*
*Monte Kirkie*
*Don Big Eagle Jr.*
*Verlin Jennesse*

**Interment**

*Christ Episcopal Cemetery, Fort Thompson, SD*

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

Our beloved son Martin Lloyd Big Eagle made his journey on October 31, 2024. He was 28 years young. Martin Lloyd Big Eagle was born October 23, 1996 to Madeline (Jennesse) Big Eagle and Donald Big Eagle Sr.

Martin grew up in Fort Thompson, SD. He attended grade school at Chamberlain Elementary through high school graduating May 15, 2016.

Martin was a very kindhearted and loving young man. He was always willing to give a helping hand to anyone in need.

Some of Martin's hobbies and like's were playing games on his PS5, going fishing, working on vehicles, shooting around and cruising around. He liked to joke around and tease people. He loved spending time with his family. He was a Green Bay Packers Fan.

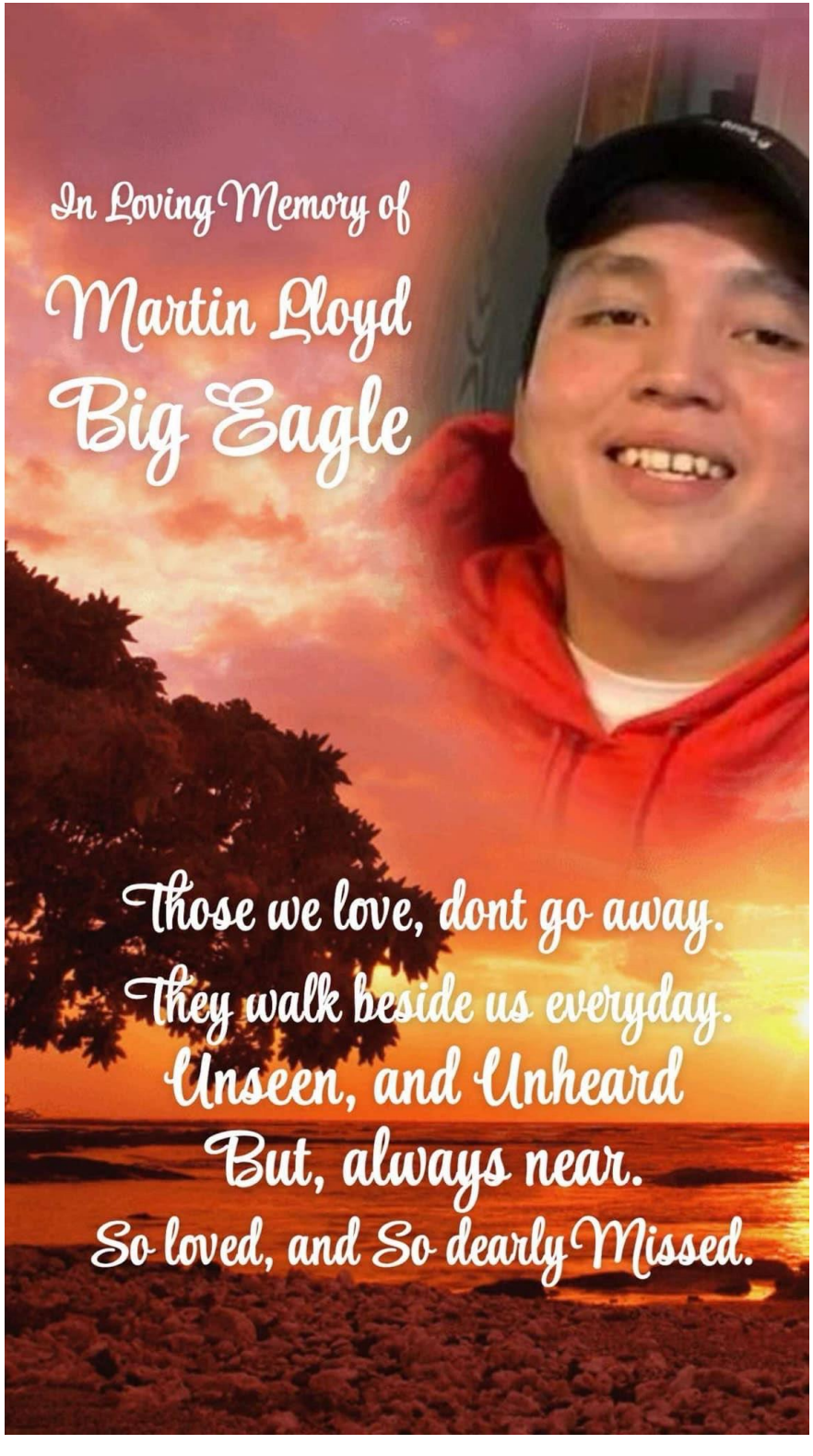
Martin had a special relationship with his cousin Wambdi and nephews Gabe and Demitrius, always spending time together more like brother relationships than cousin and nephews.

Martin held various jobs throughout his young life. He worked as a security guard during COVID, worked at Walmart and Menards. He also worked at Willrodts in Chamberlain, Lode Star Casino in Fort Thompson, UPS in Pierre, and at the water plant with his dad, Don, in Fort Thompson. He was a good worker until his death.

Martin had a very special uncle "Wade" that he lost. He struggled after his death.

Martin and his father Don shared a very special bond together. They were always together, working on cars and enjoying each other's company, always working on projects together daily. He will be greatly missed by his father and mother and his family. He left a void in our lives.

Martin is loved by all his family and friends. He has a special friend Alayna St. John.

Martin is survived by his mother and father Madeline Big Eagle and Don Big Eagle Sr., sisters Zona Big Eagle and Mildred Jennesse, brothers Benjamin Big Eagle and Donald Big Eagle Jr., special nephew Gabe Big Eagle, Demitrius Harrison, and cousin Wambdi Jennesse, his nieces and nephews Crystal Big Eagle, Zayleigh Big Eagle, Qayleigh Big Eagle, Cassius Big Eagle, and Allianna Harrison.

Preceding him in death were his paternal grandparents Mary Agnes St. John Big Eagle and Henry Martin Big Eagle Jr., maternal grandparents Mildred Grey Cloud Jennesse and Lloyd Jennesse Jr., special uncle Elton Wade Jennesse and Randy Big Eagle, and numerous uncles and relatives.