

Hang My Saddle On the Wall

*Hang my saddle on the wall,
Hang it gently by the stall,
Hang my bridle by its side,
We have gone on our last ride.*

*Oft we rode the range together,
Sun and wind and stormy weather;
O'er the hills and o'er the prairie,
Stoppin' now and then to tarry.*

*Stirrup clinkin', spurs a-ringin',
Saddle leather sort a' singin',
And at night by stream and willow
You would always be my pillow.*

*Out on round-up, you was willin',
Even when I took a spillin',
For the cowboy ain't a livin'
Who didn't sometimes wind up givin'.*

*And when e'er took a fall,
He got up still a-walkin' tall,
And he'd be back there in the saddle,
Roundin' up those Hereford cattle.*

*So, hang my saddle on the wall,
Hang it gently by the stall.
For come lightnin', rain or thunder,
We will ride the range up yonder.*

In Loving Memory of

Dale Lee Middletent

May 12, 1958 ~ April 19, 2026

Wake Services

*Lower Brule Community Center, Lower Brule, SD
7:00 p.m., Wednesday, April 22, 2026
7:00 p.m., Thursday, April 23, 2026*

Funeral Service

*Lower Brule Community Center, Lower Brule, SD
1:00 p.m., Friday, April 24, 2026*

Officiating

Fr. Kim Fonder

Yuma House

Mike Ryan

Casketbearers

*Cody Russell
Bart Ness
Donnie Moore*

*Marvin Grassrope
Herbie Goodlow
Bob Merritt*

*Earl LaRoche
Emery Flute
John McCauley*

Honorary Bearers

*Mary Jane & Boyd Gourneau
Sam Flute
Theresa LaRoche
Bunky Johnson
Rhonda Jandreau
Elaine Thompson
Richard "Dick" Johnson
Chamberlain Dialysis Unit
Danny Tenningert
Lee Gourneau†*

*Ron Estes
Connie Bad Horse
Ted McCauley
Davis Grooms
Jr. Karlen
Arvin Red Bear
Lower Brule Wildlife
Harv LaRoche*

*Kara St. John
Fritz LaRoche
Jody McCauley
Christy Olson
Rich Miller
Marlys Marshall
Cultural Resources
Darrell Michalek†
Wayne Skunk†
"The Mad Doctor"*

All His Other Friends & Relatives

Interment

Messiah Episcopal Cemetery, Iron Nation, SD

Arrangements By: Hickey Funeral Home, Chamberlain, SD

Born to Mary and Nathan Middletent, Dale was born first before his chekpa Darrell on May 12, 1958. He and Darrell were born at the Community Bailey Hospital in Chamberlain, SD. He graduated from Lower Brule High School in 1977. While in school, Dale was an outstanding athlete. He excelled in every sport he tried from basketball, football, and rodeo. He was part of the Rodeo Club where he was a bronc rider. He made All Conference in football, where he played quarterback. Dale was also a four year All State Track star. Dale was also a part of the Student Council while in school.

Dale went to college in Huron for a time before enlisting in the military. He was stationed in Fort Jackson, SC. Dale remained in the military for two years before being Honorably Discharged.

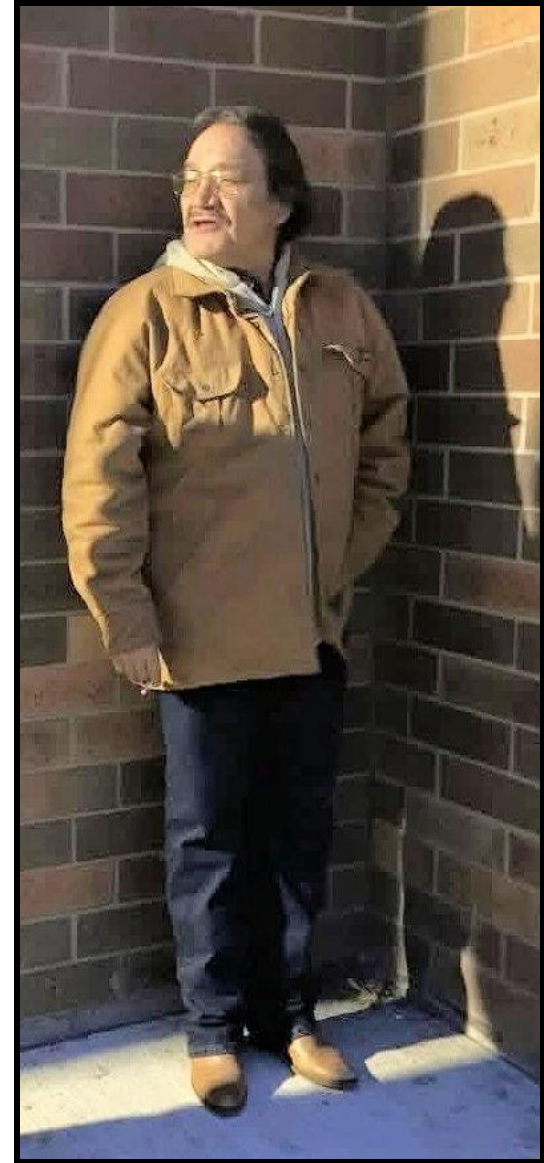
Dale has his first daughter, Crystal Middletent, in 1976 and his second daughter LaTonn LaRoche in 1979. He was united in marriage to Robin LaRoche on October 17, 2004.

Dale worked various jobs throughout the years after his military career. He was a custodian at the Lower Brule Jail then became a Game Warden with the Lower Brule Wildlife Program. He really enjoyed his Wildlife family and his job. He also worked for Cultural Resources for a time. Dale then worked at the Community Center before he decided to focus on his health. Dale had a profound respect for our Lakota way of life. He was also a Sundancer. He lived his life as a Wolakota and helped others whenever he could.

Dale knew laughter was the best medicine. He enjoyed making others laugh and smile. Dale was a jokester. He enjoyed meeting new people. He had a nickname for everybody.

Dale is survived by his daughters Crystal Middletent and LaTonn LaRoche. His siblings Darrell (Dawn) Middletent, Denise Middletent, Marletta (Bob) Merritt, Mavis Cheney, and Terry Middletent. Hunka brother Brad Bacon. His grandkids Betty LaRoche, Shane Grey Owl, Everett Grey Owl, Chason, Chazlyn, and Chantz Middletent. His stepdaughters Shawna Felicia, Mona LaRoche, and also Araina Langdeau-Wilson who he raised as his daughter. Also Shaun Allen, Dale, Marlowe, RonniAnne, Jolanna, Dana, Baby Lou, Clayton, Ryder and Lanayah.

Preceding him in death were his parents Mary and Nate Middletent, brothers Benny and Keith Middletent. Grandparents Lenora and Ben DeWitt. Great Grandmother Josie Spotted Hawk, Black Bird. Grandfather Orson Middletent. Aunts Beth Grooms, Sharon Bingen, Carol Powers. Uncle Marvin, Toni, and Lawrence Goodlow, Truman DeWitt. Grandson Dale LaRoche.



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