

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

Joseph Andrew McBride Jr.

November 8, 1950 ~ January 16, 2025

Wake Services

*Diamond Willow Ministries
Fort Thompson, SD
7:00 p.m., Sunday, January 26, 2025*

Funeral Service

*Diamond Willow Ministries
Fort Thompson, SD
1:00 p.m., Monday, January 27, 2025*

Officiating

*Rod Vaughn
Andrew Thomas*

Casketbearers

*Elias Adams
Dennis Onihan
Dean Sargent
BJ Sargent
Eric Big Eagle*

Honorary Bearers

*Lorenzo Hassebroke
Jace Spielman
Isaac Pena
Hayden Pena
Austin Hanson*

Interment

*Presbyterian Cemetery
Crow Creek, SD*

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

Joseph "Junior" McBride, 74, passed away January 16, 2025 at Sanford USD Medical Center in Sioux Falls, SD. Born on November 8, 1950, Junior spent much of his life in and around Yankton, Fort Thompson and Crow Creek working in construction and various jobs for the tribe which spoke to his versatile skills and hardworking nature. Always willing to lend a hand or come and sit for a visit, he felt most at peace when he could be there for anyone who needed him.

Junior was a passionate individual who found joy in fishing, working on cars, small machines, building things and of course taking care of his beloved ducks and chickens who would follow him around like he was head of the flock. His hands were rarely still, as he was often found tinkering around his home or working on a new repair project. This love for creating and fixing things was a significant part of his life, providing not only a past time but also a way to share special moments with his family, loved ones and friends.

Junior's life was characterized by his practical skills and his quiet yet unwavering love for his family, leaving behind a legacy of resilience and resourcefulness that will be cherished by all who knew and loved him.

He leaves behind his children Tara, Peeper, Bobi, Allysa, Austin and Terry. Siblings Ronnie, Florence, George and longtime special friend Cecille. As well as many grandchildren, cousins, nieces, nephews and many of his good friends he made throughout his lifetime.

He is preceded in death by his parents Joseph Sr. and Evelyn "Ethel" Crowe, stepdad Hank Goodface, daughter Rhonda Kiel, and sister Carol.



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