

In Loving Memory of
Robert A. Kennedy

October 2, 1949 – February 5, 2022

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.

Wake Service

*Lower Brule Community Center
Lower Brule, SD
7:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 8, 2022*

Funeral Service

*Lower Brule Community Center
Lower Brule, SD
11:00 a.m., Wednesday, February 9, 2022*

Officiating

*Father Christianus Hendrik, SCJ
Father Jean Claude, SCJ
Brother Long Nguin*

Casketbearers

*Scott McBride
Chris Kennedy
Anthony Kennedy
Mike Coleman
Richard Coleman
John Beheler*

Honorary Bearers

Family and friends as well as Golden Buffalo staff

Interment

*Lakeview Cemetery
Fort Thompson, SD*

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

Robert Arnold Kennedy was born October 2nd, 1949 to Howard Taft Sr and Mary Ann (Fogg) Kennedy in Chamberlain, SD. He was 8 when he and his parents were in a car accident. His parents passed away from the accident and he was left with a limp for the rest of his life. He attended school at Immaculate Conception in Stephan, SD and enlisted in the U.S. Army. After serving in Korea he volunteered for Vietnam. Following his discharge, he traveled throughout the United States. He decided to become a chef and attended culinary school. He returned to Lower Brule until the time of his passing. For 20 years he was a cook, and later security, at the Golden Buffalo Resort and Casino. Later in life he was overjoyed to learn he shared a daughter with Karen Simmons.

Bobby was always so optimistic, loving, giving and forgiving. He was a kind and easy going man with a comical sense of humor. He loved his job, fishing, joking and having a beer with friends. He is loved and known by many and will be missed dearly.

Robert 'Bobby' Kennedy, 72, of Lower Brule, SD passed away on Saturday, February 5th, 2022 at the Sanford Mid-Dakota Medical Center in Chamberlain, SD.

Robert is survived by his sister Martina (Sunny) Hendrixson, daughter Dawn Kennedy, and grandchildren Monique N Johnson, Bradley C Hanson, and Aurora J Hanson.

He is being welcomed by his parents, Howard and Mary Kennedy; siblings, Rudolph Kennedy, Claudette Kennedy, Aleta (Ambrose) McBride, Vern Hilda Kennedy, Vern Selvester Kennedy, Pearl (Robert) Colombe and Howard Kennedy Jr.

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