



Graveside services for Joshua Lee Preston, 46, Tygard, OR will be held on Saturday, October 16, 2021 at the Catholic Church of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Cemetery in Kenel, SD. Joshua died on September 2, 2021 in Tygard.

Preston Lee Whitebull was born in Fort Yates, ND on April 2, 1975 to Theresa Ann Whitebull of Kenel, SD and Duane Eagle of Fort Yates. Josh was raised in Kenel by his grandparents the late Jerome and Lorraine (Sleeps From Home) Vermillion who later adopted him. Later he changed his name to Joshua Lee Vermillion, but was still often known as Baby Lee as his grandma Lorraine would call him. Josh's maternal grandmother was Margaret Sleeps From Home. Josh attended school at Standing Rock Schools where he graduated in 1994. He also attended Sitting Bull College from the fall of 1994 until September of 1997 working on a degree in AAS-Office Systems. During his younger life he cared for his uncle Arthur Vermillion and his grandpa Jerome. He was a skilled self-taught musician and talented artist. The band we all know was his favorite was the Bangles. Many of his pieces of art were influenced by the Asian culture which he admired greatly. After the passing of his grandpa, Josh moved to Wyoming with his cousin Joei Beheler. All his life he was very independent, responsible, dependable and had a great sense of humor, he often told stories of him and his grandpa's escapades. His family received sporadic calls and messages from Josh over the years. Josh was a critic of fashion and design, his cousins and aunts could always depend on him to be current with all the latest fashion trends from clothes to hair. His making the best of his life took him across the country from Wyoming to West Virginia and his last residence was in Oregon, where he passed away on September 2, 2021.

Josh has left the legacy to his family that we should live life to the fullest and see the world. Through our eyes and our talent, we can create beauty that lies within us and show that to the world. Above all he has taught us to be brave and courageous in a world that sometimes feels is against us, but challenges us to be our best. He was definitely a good relative and friend and what we will miss most is the way he would be very frank with everyone of his opinion.

He is survived by his brothers, Joseph "Cubby" Agard, Jr. and Homer Rough Surface, adopted brothers Duane and Anthony Vermillion and sister, Emily Zahn and Bridgette Eagle and his Godmother, Judi Yellow Fat. He was preceded in death by his parents,

## IN LOVING MEMORY OF:



### Joshua Preston Lee Vermillion

*April 2, 1975*



*September 2, 2021*

*Road To Eternity*

*Life is but a stopping place,  
A pause in what's to be,  
A resting place along the road,  
To sweet eternity.*

*We all have different journeys,  
Different paths along the way,  
We all were meant to learn some things,  
But never meant to stay.*

*Our destination is a place,  
Far greater than we know,  
For some the journey's quicker,  
For some, the journey's slow.*

*But when the journey finally ends,  
We'll claim a great reward,  
And find an everlasting peace,*

**IN LOVING MEMORY OF:**

***Joshua Preston Lee Vermillion***

*46 Years ~ 5 Months ~ 0 Days*

**BORN:**

*April 2, 1975  
Ft. Yates, North Dakota*

**PASSED AWAY:**

*September 2, 2021  
Tigard, Oregon*

**GRAVESIDE SERVICES:**

*11:00 AM, Saturday, October 16, 2021  
Kenel Catholic Church Cemetery  
Kenel, South Dakota*

**CLERGY:** *Fr. Jim Hoerter*

**HONORARY URNBEARERS:**

*Bad Wound Family ~ White Bull Family  
Jolene Cudotte and Family ~ Maureen Marshall and  
Family ~ Warren Marshall and Family  
Janet and Jerl Thompson ~ Melda Crow Feather and  
Family ~ Vickie Howard ~ Amber Iron Shield  
Joel Beheler*