

Chad journeyed to the Wichahpi Oyate at the age of 54 in Lower Brule, SD, at the home of his Uncle Lambert DeShequette. Ta'sunka Sa (Red Horse) was born August 4, 1971, in Chamberlain, SD, to Allen B. Ziegler and Helen R. Thompson. Chad grew up in Lower Brule and Albuquerque, NM, attended St. Joes in Chamberlain and graduated from Rio Grande High school in Albuquerque. After high school, Chad met Jennifer Silva and the two were married for over 28 years.

Most recently living the last 16 years in Loveland, CO, he was a heavy equipment operator in New Mexico and Colorado. He loved operating heavy equipment, moving dirt, and building. He also spent part of his work career as a carpenter and framer in Rapid City, SD. Chad discovered his talent for drawing and painting later in his life. His specialty was charcoal, portraits, and black and white. He was able to look at portraits of chiefs and draw them from memory.

Chad's life was blessed with two sons, C. Tuff and E'Hake Mani Ziegler, and five daughters: Krystina Jo, Hailey Rose, Grace Helen, Vivienne Belle, and Olowan Ruby, along with one granddaughter Promise Leeann born in December 2025.

Special uncles and aunts in his life were Roy Ziegler, Rocky Thompson, Ben Thompson, Leroy Cook, David Herron, Larry Herron, Larry Weddell, Sr., along with aunties Jill Fallis, EllaRae Stone, Joyce Cook, Anna M. Thompson, Elaine Thompson, Cathy Thompson, Tracy Shields, Mary Ellen Pease, Martha Thompson Coleman, Wilma Wilson, and Lisa Carlow.

Grateful to have shared in his life are his mother, Helen R. Thompson, long-time partner, Keva Herman, children - C. Tuff and E'Hake Mani Ziegler, daughters: - Krystina Jo, Hailey Rose, Grace Helen, Vivienne Belle, and Olowan Ruby, **stepchildren Koytel, Kodreis, and Kingston**, and one special granddaughter Promise Leeann. Brothers - Cory and Shane, Zane, Jordan, Jameson, Zachary, Jonathan, Stephen, Victor Jr., Craig Goodlow, and Bill James Thompson. Sisters include Lynnell, Kelly, Bobbie Jean, Tiffany, Sammi Jo, Anna, Rocki Lea, Sara, Pam, Holly, Rory, Kristen, Courtney, Aimee, Alexis, Shiela, and Barbara. Along with many aunties, uncles, cousins, and friends.

Chad did not have the chance to grow up with his dad, Allen "Tuffy" Ziegler who preceded him in death in 1972. Other family that journeyed ahead were his paternal grandparents, Elmer Ziegler, Nadine Like Him, Ted DeShequette, and Uncle Larry Weddell Sr.. Maternal grandparents, Ben W. Thompson and Cecelia (Cissy) LaRoche, along with great- grandparents, aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Chad's wish was to be buried by his grandpa Melvin Duane LaRoche (Snoz) who he was especially close to all his life.

Thank you to all relatives and friends for joining us in the celebration of Chad's life. You are invited to share a meal with our family at the community center after the committal at St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery.

In Celebration of the life of

B. Chad Ziegler

Ta'sunka Sa'

Sunrise August 4, 1971 ~ Sunset March 19, 2026



Our people never forget the beautiful world that gave them being...for they are not powerless. Dead - you say?

There is no death. Only a change of Worlds...

Honorary Family and Friends

Special Granddaughter – Promise Leeann Ziegler

Thomasine Troy	CJ Fallis	Nickolas Randall
Tristan Harrison Family	Jay DuFond	Elaine Thompson
Anna M Thompson	Joyce Cook	Cathy Thompson
Kimmie Cook	Barbara Thompson Lincoln	DeShane Thompson Buffalo
Anna Thompson	Sara Thompson	Shileah Thompson Witt
Stevi Thompson	Sammi Jo Thompson	Sammi Sully
Monaliyah Montgomery	Lisa Carlow	Hazz Witt
Gilbert & Mary Ellen Pease	Robert Bad Horse	Teanna Dion
Jesse Dion Family	Jill Fallis	Ellarae Stone
Janet Herron	Bobbi Fallis	Tiffany Fallis
Marion His Law	Bridget Harrison	Tracy & Scott Shields
Cheryl Shields	Willi Eagle Thunder	Baby Al Blacksmith
Leon Janis	Joseph Thompson	Dale Thompson
Wilma Wilson	Jessica Wilson	Kamela Wilson
Margaret Wilson	Kristen Ziegler	Rory Ziegler
LaRae Herman	Kathy Ziegler	Roy Ziegler family
Sonny Ziegler	Terri Lynn Johnson	Nikki Ziegler
Chelsea DeShequette	Tessa DeShequette	Cheyenne Ziegler
Chris Dion	Ryan Locke	Eric Big Eagle
Mary Melhaff	Joe Shields	Tanya Fleury
Duane James Ziegler	Tristan Langdeau	Stephanie Langdeau
Kim LaRoche	Tia LaRoche	Jolene LaRoche
Loretta Rabbit	Marquel Thompson	Frank Gorneau
January H. Thompson	Cameron Ross	Amiel Flute
LaSalle Brown	BJ Thompson Family	Martha & Richard Coleman
Scott & Tiauna Obago family	Jerrod & Jeanie Thompson	Ronnie DeShequette
Linda McGhee	Bobbi Ziegler	Mona LaRoche
Warren Giago	Christine Obago	Kathryn Sazue
Emily Kerr	Brittany Kerr	Matilyn Kerr
Alexis Jones Family	Rocki Lea Thompson	Jason Sazue Sr.
Jason Sazue Jr.	Trinity Langdeau	Anaya Fallis
Jordan Langdeau	Bradford Wayne LeCompte Family	Geraldine Estes Family
Bates Hood Family	Kelly Thompson Mitchell Family	Trudy Hood
Koytel Bagola	Kyle & Sammone Thompson Family	Kingston Bagola
Koko Herman	Melody His Law Family	Holly Ziegler
Sheila Carpenter	Jeanine Crazy Bull Family	Rusty Crazy Bull Family
Bill James Thompson	Sean Herron	Emma Russell Family
Deb Arpan Martinez Family	Dottie Thompson Arpan Family	Wanda Peacock
Norma Gonzalez Family	Jacqui Montgomery Family	Paul Bad Moccasin
Susan Schrader	January Rendon	Diana Lessert Family
Lori Seeking Land	Lenny Ziegler	Martin Ziegler
Lorisue Ziegler	Kathy Ziegler	Vicki Ziegler
Alfreda Bear Track Algeo	Shane Dillon	Fran Ludwig
Marty & Holly Goings Family	Melvin MJ Pourier	Norma Rendon Family
Chanda Spotted Elk Family	Thomas Tegg Lynch	Kenny & Laura Mills
Patsy Twiss	Sheila LaDeaux Family	James Silk Lawrence
Micah Big Eagle Family	Lynette Two Moons Family	Pearl Leader Charger
Josie Skunk Family	Eyvonne Rekow	Jeanette St. John
Alfreda LeCompte	Gwen Jandreau	Larry Jandreau Family
Norman Thompson Jr.	Scott Thompson	Wes Thompson
Melvina Thompson Wilkerson	Connie Thompson Family	Nanette Brotsky
Tristan Paul Harrison	Devon Fallis	Kingston Fallis

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Wake Services

Lower Brule Community Center, Lower Brule, SD

7:00 p.m., Saturday, March 28, 2026

7:00 p.m., Sunday, March 29, 2026

Funeral Service

Lower Brule Community Center, Lower Brule, SD

1:30 p.m., Monday, March 30, 2026

Officiating

Jeshua Estes

Casketbearers

Cory Fallis

Kyle Thompson

Zane Ziegler

Shane Montgomery

Pooh Ziegler

Jordan Thompson

Craig Goodlow

Jesse Giago

Honorary Bearers

Ben Thompson

Larry Herron

William Bill Thompson

Rocky Thompson Jr.

Patrick Dion

Running Horse Morgan

Billy Jandreau

Carole Weddell Zephier

Larry Weddell, Jr.

Rocky Thompson

Leroy Cook

Roy Ziegler

Johnboy Pourier

Johnse Donovan

Dane Fallis

Bryan Ziegler

Brad Thompson LeCompte

David Herron

Lambert DeShequette

Ricky Troy

Big Lou DeShequette

Leon Janis

Robert Fallis

Guy Paul Zephier

Kelly Mitchell

Michael Daniels

Interment

St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery, Lower Brule, SD

Arrangements By: Hickey Funeral Home, Chamberlain, SD