



Thomas Anthony Baker Sr. was born George Dallas Lefthand on July 29th, 1945 to Esther Lefthand (Silk) in Kenel, SD. He was raised in rural Kenel by his grandparents, George and Mary Jane (Poitra) Lefthand along with his younger aunts and uncles. He attended elementary school at St. Joseph Indian School in Chamberlain SD and then went on

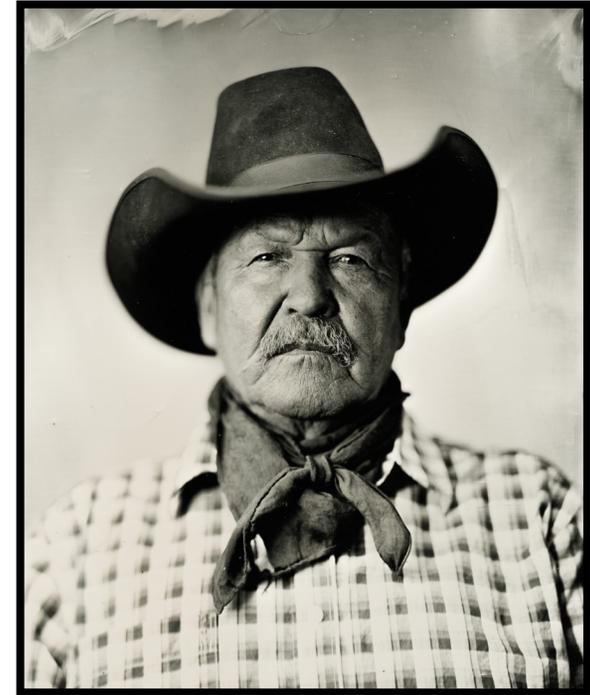
to Fort Yates Public School and stayed in the dorms there. At 16 years old he rode a buffalo at the Fort Yates rodeo and won first place which started his rodeo career. His love for the rodeo circuit lasted for many decades and gained him many lifelong friends and family. Tommy attended college in Grand Forks for art, this gave him a good foundation for all the crafts he did in his lifetime. He excelled at being a seamster, painter, drawer, and any other type of crafts he could get his hands on. Tom specialized in Native artwork and was well known for his beadwork which he won many awards for. Throughout his life he worked in construction, electrical and carpentry among many other hands-on work. Tommy was a jack-of-all-trades but was best known for his mechanic abilities and ranch hand work. He was an expert horseman and the best cowboy around. Tom was always the life of the party and a natural entertainer. He enjoyed joking, making people laugh along with singing and playing the guitar. He will be missed by his many children, family members and friends that he had in his life.

He is survived by: life partner, Jodie Freeman, children & grandchildren, Tom Jr, Denver (Lisa), Myrtis (Vicki), Georgi, Jo, Sina (Robin), Kyle (Christina), Justin, Ace (Marlys), Jessica (Jeremy), Tiffany (Seth), Georgia (Robert), Stormie, Shana, Farroll (Kyle), Taylor (Charlie), Mikey (Keaunna), Tucson, T.P. (Nicole), Travis (Jody), Tom III, Joseph, Jenna, Antonio, Sina, Miguel, Stacey, Kountri, Terri, Luann, Lola, Mike, Bernard, Dallas, Delshay, Shelby, Elyas, Christian, Kainyn, Britton, Cynthia, Jayde, Shelby, Samuel, Angel, Veronica, Whitley, Paige, Dillon, Wyatt, Jack Jr, Santana, Sianna, Sundance, Ohitika, Nicky, Cyrus, Titan, Helen, Kyle Jr, Gregory, Mya, Christian, Holly, Cory, Charles, Ace Jr, Raymond, August, Felix, Delaney, Jeremy Jr, Emma, Aceanna, Marley, Roany, Olivia, Jestin, Lucille, Wynter, Wyatt, Melinda, Randen, Orrin, Lazira, Kaleb, Michael, Julian, Amaurie, McKennah, Benedict, Treyson, Charlie III, Terrance, Theodore, Rylee, Kymber, Abigail, Summer, Tomi, Teddy, Katie, Mathew, Holly, sister, Claudine Weinrice and many great grandchildren

Preceded in death by: Esther Lefthand, George & Mary Jane Lefthand, Royce Baker, Richard Firstadt, Tyson & Anthony Baker, Lori Karges, Rose Hosie, TJ Smith, JoVaughn Baker, Sage Thomas, Austin Hettich, Arturo Alden, Kandace Baker, Laudine Bullhead, Antoinette Johnson



In Loving Memory Of:



Thomas Anthony Baker Sr.

Coyote Who Sings Alone

Ishnála Lowán Yashlé

July 29, 1945

March 22, 2022





A Cowboy's Prayer

*Our Heavenly Father, we pause at this time,
mindful of the many blessings you have bestowed upon us.
We ask, Lord, that you will be with us in the arena of life.*

*We as cowboys do not ask for special favors.
We don't ask to draw around the chute fighting horse,
the steer that won't lay, or to never break the barrier.
We don't even ask for all daylight runs.*

*We do ask Lord, that you will help us live our lives here on earth
as cowboys, in such a manner, that when we make that last inevi-
table ride, to the country up there, where the grass grows lush,
green, and stirrup high, and the water runs cool, clear, and deep,
that you'll take us by the hand and say -*

"Welcome to Heaven cowboy, your entry fees are paid."



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Ishnála Lowán Yashlé

76 Years ~ 7 Months ~ 24 Days

BORN:

July 29, 1945

Ft. Yates, North Dakota

PASSED AWAY:

March 22, 2022

Mobridge, South Dakota

FUNERAL SERVICES:

1:00 PM Tuesday, March 29, 2022

Kenel Catholic Church of Assumption

Kenel, South Dakota

OFFICIATING: Fr. Jim Hoerter

TRADITIONAL SERVICES: Arville Looking Horse

SINGER: Kymber Strong Heart

"You Are My Sunshine"

CASKETBEARERS:

Tom Baker Jr. ~ Denver Baker ~ Myrtis Baker ~ Kyle Baker
Justin Baker ~ Ace Baker ~ Travis Wingate ~ Tucson Freeman
TiPi Strong Heart ~ Delyle Left Hand ~ Mikey Fitzpatrick
Claymore Shanley

HONORARY BEARERS:

Chuck & Kim Claymore, Butch Walking Elk, Claymore Shanley, Herman Mongram, Davis Mongram, Sonny Bear, Adam Rough Surface, Camree Pete, Sam Moore, Ray Moore Sr, Tony & Lois Two Bears, Al & Sharon Two Bears, Doug White Bull, Sandy Luger, Bruz Luger, Delyle Lefthand, Clayton Lefthand, Elaine St John, Shirley Poitra, Tommy Red Bird, Patsy Marshall, Jeff Cadotte, Candace Sherwood, Randeem Fitzpatrick, Jodie Freeman, Greg Sherwood, Eddie Moran, Delmar Clown, Bucky Defender, Manaja Hill, Timber Ridge Relay, Fast Horse Relay, John & Rochelle Gareaux, Hans Bradley, Mavis Kills Small & Family, Micheal Yates, Chris Hinsley, Wakpala Huhu Sundance family, Zintkana Duta Sundance family, Dr. Marciano, the nurses and doctors from the Sanford Hospital, Fort Yates Dialysis Nurses, Mobridge Regional Hospital. Tommy knew so many people and took a lot as his family so we are sorry if we may have missed anyone.

BURIAL:

Kenel Catholic Cemetery

Kenel, South Dakota

Arrangements Entrusted to Kesling Funeral Home.