

In Loving Memory of

Willard Tyler Hawk Wing

February 26, 1960 ~ March 2, 2026

If Tears Could Build a Stairway

If tears could build a stairway

And memories were a lane

We would walk right up to heaven

And bring you back again.

No farewell words were spoken

No time to say goodbye

You were gone before we knew it

And only God knows why

Our hearts still ache in sadness

And secret tears still flow

What it meant to lose you

No one can ever know

But now we know you want us

To mourn for you no more

To remember all the happy times

Life still has much in store

Since you'll never be forgotten

We pledge to you today

A hallowed place within our hearts

Is where you'll always stay

Wake Services

Holy Comforter Episcopal Church, Lower Brule, SD

7:00 p.m., Sunday, March 8, 2026

Funeral Service

Holy Comforter Episcopal Church, Lower Brule, SD

1:00 p.m., Monday, March 9, 2026

Officiating

Fr. Kim Fonder

Shirley Crane

Casketbearers

Jordan Hawk Wing

Justin Hawk Wing

Levi Hawk Wing

Jacob Hawk Wing

Charlie Banks

Brent Charger

Daniel Berry

Honorary Bearers

Carrie Flute

Keith "Bunky" Johnson

Diane Long Fox

Richard Johnson

Duane Long Fox

Regina Big Eagle

Leslie Flute

Fred Good Face

Erin Hawk Wing

Stella Flute

Clyde Sawalla

Emmett "Booty" Sawalla

Orville Langdeau, Jr.

John McCauley

Janice Grassrope

Tracy Ewing

Elaine Thompson

Ronalda Driving Hawk

Jason Driving Hawk

Patrick Driving Hawk, Sr.

Charles Flute

Isabel Flute

Kathy Lynn Hawk Wing

Cameron Laroche

Rachel Laroche

Alvin Johnson Jr.

Shirley Crane

George Ervin Flute Sr.

Interment

Holy Name Episcopal Cemetery, Ft. George, SD

Arrangements By: Hickey Funeral Home, Chamberlain, SD

Willard T. Hawk Wing was born to Sylvia Pretty Sounding Flute and Levi Charles Hawk Wing in Pierre, SD on February 26, 1960.

Willard attended school at the Pierre Learning Center until the 8th grade, then to Washington High School in Sioux Falls and later attended Haskell College in Kansas.

Willard joined the U.S. Army National Guard until April of 1978 at which time he received an honorable discharge.

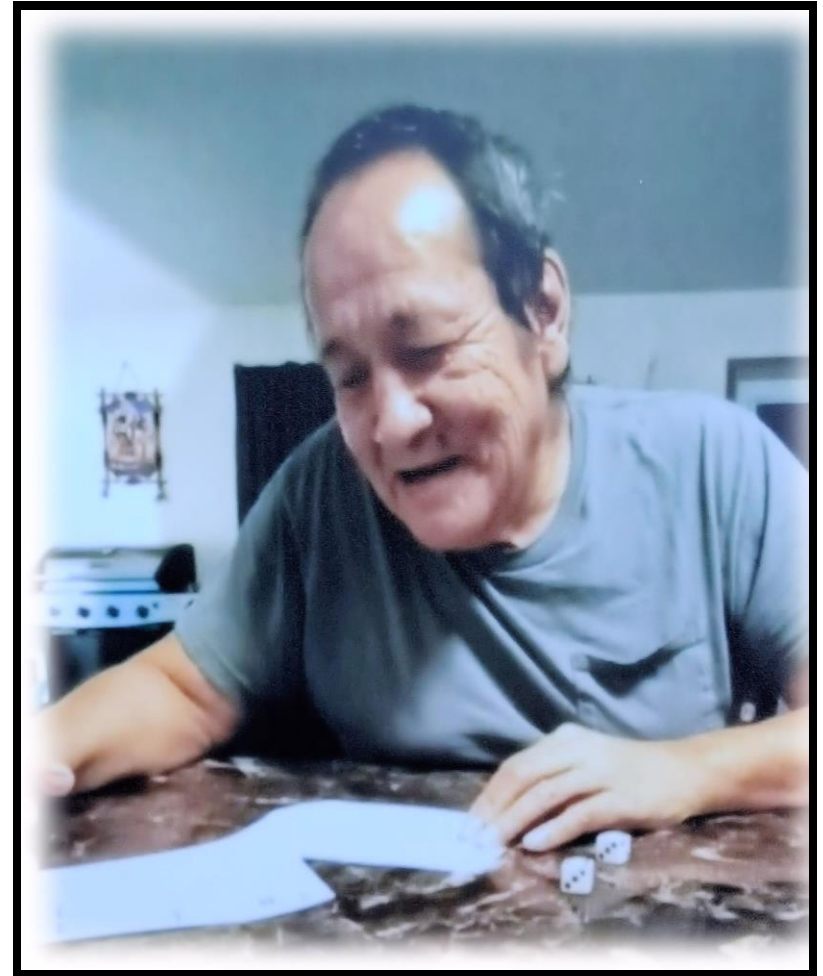
He worked for the Linton Company in Sioux Falls for a time. He returned home to be with his family and he suffered a head injury and also had seizures, which prevented him from working.

Willard enjoyed spending time with his family and loved reading. He was good at trivia and had a lot of knowledge from reading. He enjoyed crosswords, playing cards and especially playing Yahtzee, which he played a lot with his buddy Richard Johnson and his sister-in-law Stella Flute. He was close to his nieces and nephews and grandchildren. Willard had no kids of his own.

Willard was kind to everyone and chatted with anyone he made contact with and was always very friendly. He had a good heart and would give anyone his last dollar if they needed it. He was very generous, and most of all he had a really good sense of humor, always making people laugh.

He left on his journey peacefully in his home on March 2, 2026, leaving his brother Floyd V. Hawk Wing /Stella Flute of Lower Brule, brother Stewart Hawk Wing of Sioux Falls, his nieces Erin Hawk Wing and children and Kathy Lynn Hawk Wing and children and his Nephews Justin Hawk Wing, Jordan Hawk Wing, Levi Hawk Wing and Jacob Hawk Wing. Willard has 6 nieces and nephews he thought a lot of, 15 grandchildren, 1 great-grand child and many relatives and friends too numerous to mention.

Preceding him in death are his mother Sylvia Hawk Wing, his father, Levi Hawk Wing, sister Cheryl Hawk Wing, brothers Justin Hawk Wing, James Hawk Wing, Lyle Jesse Hawk Wing and nephews Jesse Hawk Wing and Lyle Hawk Wing, paternal grandparents James Hawk Wings and Alice Swimmer, and maternal grandparents Jacob Pretty Sounding Flute and Eliza Medicine Bird.



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