

In Loving Memory of

Vance David Jandreau Sr.

February 24, 1959 ~ August 31, 2024

Wake Services

*St. Mary's Catholic Church, Lower Brule, SD
7:00 p.m., Wednesday, September 4, 2024*

Funeral Service

*St. Mary's Catholic Church, Lower Brule, SD
11:00 a.m., Thursday, September 5, 2024*

Officiating

Father Jean Claude, SCJ

Deacon Steve McLaughlin

Casketbearers

*Roddy Jandreau
Michael Jandreau
Tyler Jones
Anthony Julson*

*Kelly McGhee
Joel Brouse
Tony Julson
Mason Jandreau*

Honorary Bearers

*Gwen Jandreau
Boyd Gourneau & Family
Red Langdeau
Matt Yellow Earrings
John & Jody McCauley
Bart & Tonya Ness
Madsen Family
Brouse Families
Byington Family
Fritz & Cheryl LaRoche
Kamela LaRoche
Bates Hood Sr.*

*Antoinette Goodlow
Melissa Iron Thunder
Mark Wakey
Florentine Blue Thunder
Helen Silk
Bowman Family
Lee Gourneau Family
Mel Rey Grey Owl
Sandra Abdo
Wilma Wilson
Trudy Hood
Jandreau Family*

Erwin "Uncle Doe Doe" LaRoche†

All His Many Relatives & Friends (with two legs and also four)

Interment

Fort George Catholic Cemetery, Fort George, SD

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.*

Vance David Jandreau, Sr. was born February 24, 1959 to Leo Burdette Jandreau and Dorothy B. Langdeau Jandreau Jones in Chamberlain, SD. Vance was the 6th of 8 children.

Vance attended school in Lincoln, NE, Lower Brule, SD and Marty, SD. Vance was very intelligent and spent his younger years reading many books and absorbing knowledge. He had an unquenchable thirst for learning something new each day. He earned his GED in 1983. Vance made his home in Lower Brule and married Ruby Fire Cloud on December 18, 2010. Together Vance and Ruby raised their grandchildren, Nathaniel, Samuel and Hillary. They remained married until Ruby passed away on October 10, 2019. In 2022, Vance moved to Flandreau, SD and remained there until his passing.

Vance enjoyed spending time with his many relatives and friends. He loved to play dominoes, solitaire and online slots on his phone. He enjoyed games shows such as Wheel of Fortune and Jeopardy. He also loved the history channel, Syfy and Westerns. He spent countless hours watching crime shows from Law and Order, CSI (all of them), FBI, Criminal Minds, and NCIS. With his love of crime television and the countless hours he spent watching it he could have easily earned a master's degree in criminal investigation. He was extremely crafty. He made all sorts of trinkets and gadgets out of wood, bones and anything he could find. He was always excited to show off his latest and greatest creations or inventions.

Vance had a special place in his heart for animals. He loved his dogs! He would spend hours training them to do tricks and even taught one of his dogs to retrieve a dime! His dogs were his favorite companions. He talked and argued with them just as if they were human. The number of dogs he had is too numerous to name, but Baby and Wander were among his favorites. Sissy, his "grand dog" and most recent watch dog, also held a special place in his heart.

Vance enjoyed rodeos, horse racing and socializing with friends and family at those events. He had a love for "Sir Phillips" and enjoyed his drinks. IYKYK 😊

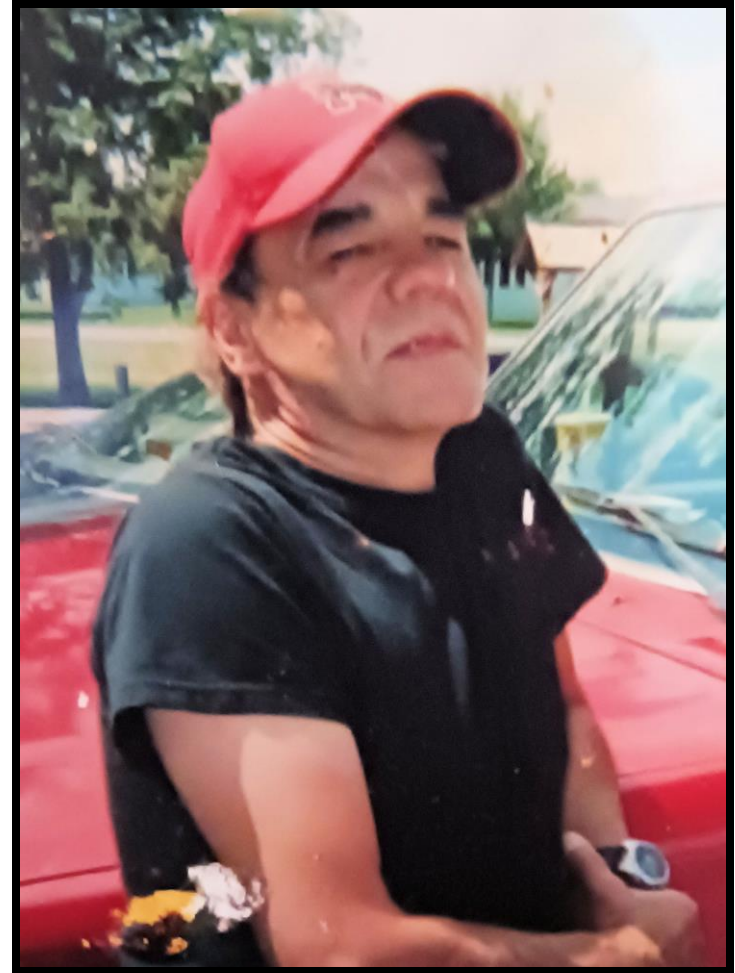
During the course of his life, Vance worked various jobs. He was a Prosecutor for the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe, worked at the racetrack in Aberdeen, SD, dealt blackjack for the Golden Buffalo Casino and worked for the Tribal Maintenance Program with his longtime friend Erwin "Uncle DoeDoe" LaRoche. They traveled all across the country moving people, hauling vehicles and fulfilling many work orders together before Vance retired after the death of his wife. Uncle Doe Doe followed Vance to heaven on September 1, 2024.

Vance lived a good life and will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

He leaves behind his children, Jerome (Keri) Jandreau, Sophia (Tony) Julson and Vance Jr. (Kari) Jandreau, all of Flandreau, SD. William Thigh, Dru Peterson and Sarah LaRoche, all of Lower Brule, SD. Grandchildren, Nathaniel, Hillary, and Samuel, Michaela, Drew, Madeline, Molly and Mason, Anthony, Andrew, Alex, Abraham and Axel, Shania, Ryder and Kameron, Lazaya, Esibelle, William and Kayleigha, Jarred, Lilly, Christian and Rose, Hailey, Xavier and Selmar. Sisters, Barbara Evans of Chamberlain, SD, Jan (Jim) Brouse, and Karen Jones of Lower Brule. He also leaves behind aunts Gwyn Erlandson and Laurel Hopper and several cousins, nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his wife Ruby, parents Dorothy Belva Langdeau Jandreau Jones, Leo Burdette "Tete" Jandreau and David T. Jones, Maternal grandparents Joseph and Lottie Langdeau, paternal grandparents, Gertrude and Lawrence Jandreau, siblings Jerauld Jandreau, Michael B. Jandreau, Terry Jandreau and Scott Jones as well as many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

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