

In Loving Memory of
William J. Edwards

May 11, 1989 - July 31, 2021

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

*Lower Brule Community Center
Lower Brule, SD
Saturday, August 7, 2021
Sunday, August 8, 2021
7:00 p.m.*

Funeral Service

*Lower Brule Community Center
Lower Brule, SD
Monday, August 9, 2021
2:00 p.m.*

Officiating

*Father Christianus Hendrik SCJ Father Jean Claude, SCJ
Brother Long Nguin*

Casketbearers

*Neil Whitney Kansas Middletent Thomas Eagle Thunder
Emeryl Red Wolf Wes Skunk Kyal Middletent
Uriah Thompson Joseph "Ija" Skunk Leonard Edwards
Andre McCauley Tony St. John*

Honorary Bearers

*Jeanie Langdeau Trevor Red Wolf Leighton LaRoche
Heather LaForge Dom LaRoche Jimmy Brouse
Tyrell Whitney Seneca Skunk Jarvis Skunk
Mario Eagle Thunder Charmayne Grooms Ty Harmon
Robert Eagle Thunder Holten Whitney Isaac Goodface
Daniel Ziegler DJ Middletent Ant Medicine Crow
Shiloh LaForge Beulah Duran St. Joseph's Staff
Joy Langdeau Thomas LaForge KWOTP Staff
Mabel's Boys Nelson Ricky Franceschi III LBHS Class of 2008
*All His Other Friends & Relatives Too Numerous to Mention**

Interment

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

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William Jarmel Edwards was born May 11, 1989 in Colorado Springs, CO to William H. Edwards and Anita A. Driving Hawk. Wil attended Lower Brule Elementary, graduated from the eighth grade at St. Joseph's Indian School, and graduated a Gates Millenium Scholar at Lower Brule High School in Lower Brule, SD.

Wil worked numerous places including as a cook at the Golden Buffalo Casino and KWOTP. In his free time you would find Wil hanging with his nieces and nephews or at the gym shooting around. He also assisted with Women's League making sure they always had a referee. He loved playing basketball as well as other sports, most recently, playing softball with his "Bros" and "Uncles" on team Mabel's Boys.

Wil was well known in the community and was a kind, humble, respectful man who always greeted everyone with a smile. Wil touched the hearts of many. He will truly be missed.

Wil passed away on Saturday, July 31, 2021 in Lower Brule, SD at the age of 32 years. Gratefully sharing his life are his mother Anita; his brothers Neil Whitney and Leonard Edwards; sisters Janessa Driving Hawk, Mariah Edwards, and Angelica "Babe" Edwards; nephews Zenneth, Zaylen, Zayden, Zylas, Treyton, Landon, and Benson; nieces Neleigh, Kourtney, Mabeleine, MaRayah, Mariana, Nessiah, and Tayshia; and many other relatives and friends.

Preceding him in death were his father William H. Edwards, paternal grandparents Harold and Pearl Edwards, maternal grandfather Leonard Driving Hawk, and great grandparents Ben and Mabel Driving Hawk.



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