

You can shed tears that he is gone,
Or you can *smile because he lived,*
You can close your eyes & pray that he will come back,
Or you can open your eyes
and see all that he has left.

Your heart can be empty because you can't see him
Or you can be **FULL OF LOVE** that you shared,
You can turn your back on tomorrow
and live yesterday
Or you can be *happy* for tomorrow
because of yesterday

You can remember him and only that he is gone
Or you can **CHERISH HIS MEMORY**
and let it live on,

You can cry and close your mind be empty
and turn your back,
Or you can do what he would want;
smile, open your eyes, *love and go on.*



In Loving Memory
CELEBRATING A LIFE

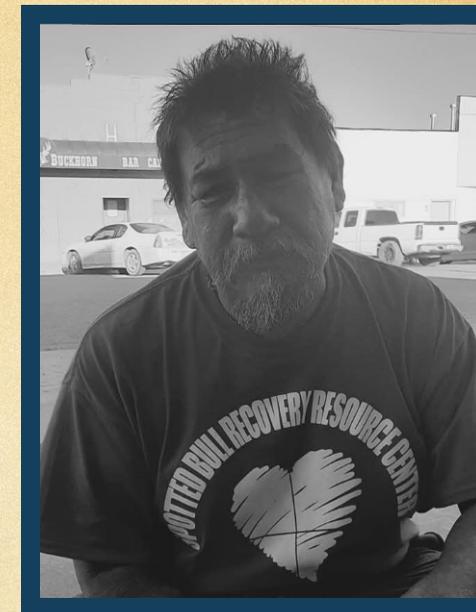
Richard Paul Melbourne, age 59, of Poplar, MT, passed away on February 6, 2025 at St. Vincent's in Billings, MT.

Richard, the son of Ricahrd P. Yellow Owl and Wilma M. Melbourne, was born on November 13, 1966 in Poplar, MT. He worked odd jobs when available. Richard enjoyed spending time with his wife, friends, and family as well as root digging, fishing, walks, or cruising and listening to CCR and oldies.

Richard is survived by his sister Cheryl Melbourne-Martell of Poplar, MT; brother Lawrence Melbourne of Portland, OR; son Stanford Melbourne of Regina, SK; daughter Richelle Melbourne of Sioux Falls, SD; granddaughter Uriyah Necklace of Grand Forks, ND; nephews Darwin Melbourne, Floyd Martell, Duane Martell, Anthony Melbourne, Thomas Melbourne; nieces Vanessa Red Star, Jessica Red Star, Elizabeht (Jeremy) Martell, Dawn (Jesse) Martell, Wilma Martell, and Sabrina Martell; special family and friends Adam and Jade, Diane and Bunkers, Lil'Man (Samantha) Longee, Kenda (Martin) Martell, Theresa Sun Rhodes, Margorie Keiser, Jessica Sun Rhodes, Angeline Cheek, John FastHorse, Ducky Bird, Frank Martell, Almyra's brothers, the Cheeks, Yellow Hammers, Martells, Melbournes, SunRhodes, Yellow Owls; adopted daughters Laney Boadle, Evangeline (Johnathon) RunsThrough, and Tanya Nation. If anyone wasn't mentioned I do apologize, under the circumstances of all of this I apologize there was a lot of family, friends near and far to remember.

He is preceded in death by mother, Wilma Melbourne; father Richard P. Yellow Owl; sister Sandra Melbourne; brother Lyle Melbourne; son Richard Melbourne Jr.; wife Almyra GrayHawk-Melbourne; aunt Linda Melbourne; grandma Susan Melbourne.

Hope Strength



In Memory Of

**Richard Paul
Melbourne**



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Wake

7:00 p.m. Thursday, February 20, 2025
Poplar Cultural Center
Poplar, Montana

Funeral Services

1:00 p.m. Friday, February 21, 2025
Poplar Cultural Center
Poplar, Montana

Pallbearers

Duane Martell, Floyd Martell
Jesse Johnson, Jeremy Johnson
Lawrence "Larry" Hamilton, John FastHorse

Honorary Pallbearers

Stanford Melbourne, Lawrence Melbourne
Virgil "Sponge" Mercurieff

Final Resting Place

Riverside Presbyterian Cemetery
Riverside, Montana

