

My Twin Brother

We shared a quiet world before the light,
Two heartbeats moving through the gentle night.
One came to stay and greet the morning sun,
While you, my brother, softly journeyed on,
Ahead into the stars so still, so deep,
To find your everlasting, peaceful sleep.
We never heard your voice or played a game,
Yet in my heart, I carry still your name.
Half of my soul was tuned to match your own,
A sacred rhythm only we have known.
Though I walk forward through each passing day,
A part of me still journeyed with you away.
I wonder if you see the life I live,
The love I hold, the kindness that I give.
I hope you know that not a day goes by
Without a silent thought beneath the sky.
Sleep well, my twin, my shadow, and my guide;
Forever missed, yet always by my side.
Though only one of us was meant to stay,
Your love still lights my every step each day.

In Loving Memory of

Khalil Anthony Pickner

July 14, 2026

Funeral Service

Fort Thompson Community Center

Fort Thompson, SD

Wednesday, August 5, 2026

12:00 p.m. (noon) – 3:00 p.m.

Honorary Bearers

Khalil Anthony's honorary pallbearers are all his baby relatives who were born this year and will carry on his legacy and memory throughout their lives. Although they did not have the opportunity to grow up knowing and loving him, they will forever carry him in their hearts.

Bailee Neela

Aliyana Naylee

Saphira Elizabeth RoseEmersyn Kaye

Avalon Jo

and his beloved Čhekpa (twin), Kato Julius Pickner.

Interment

Riverview Cemetery

Chamberlain, SD

Arrangements By: Hickey Funeral Home, Chamberlain, SD

Khalil Anthony Pickner was born on July 14, 2026, to his loving parents, Martina Monae Mestes and Joshua Michael Pickner.

Khalil Anthony is lovingly survived by his Čhekpa (twin), Kato Julius Pickner; his parents, Martina and Joshua; his big brothers, Joshua Pickner Jr., Kaliber Pickner, Xavier Pickner, Garret Goodlow Jr., and Lorenzo Mestes; and his big sisters, Alilyah Pickner and Lekayah Pickner.

He is also survived by many beloved aunties, uncles, grandparents, cousins, and other relatives who will forever cherish his memory.

Khalil Anthony was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents, Boyd Pickner and Connie Pickner; his maternal great-grandparents, Raymond Gonzales and Margret Gonzales; his maternal grandfathers, Robert "Bob" Red Water and Ray Gonzales Jr. ("Papa Babe"); his uncles, Thaddeus Obe Pickner and Jeremy Mestes; his aunt, Angela Pickner; and his cousins, Nakoa (Gonzales) Miller, Acacia Medicine Crow, Garret Pickner, and Sierra Abernathy.

Though Khalil Anthony's time on earth was brief, he will forever remain deeply loved and remembered by all whose lives he touched.

Tokša Akè Babyboy.



Born together in a single day,
Yet walking paths apart;
One stepped into the earthly light,
One stepped into my heart.
You never breathed the morning air,
Or cried your first sweet cry,
Yet you are woven through our lives
Beneath the quiet sky.
I see you in your sibling's eyes,
A glance, a gentle grace—
The unseen twin who walks beside,
Whom time cannot erase.
One grows beneath the golden sun,
One rests in starlight's keep,
Yet both belong to me the same,
In love, and dreams, and sleep.
Though only one could hold my hand,
And laugh beneath the blue,
My heart has always carried both—
One here, and one with you.
Forever twins, forever mine,
Though heaven drew you far;
One shines beside me every day,
One shines as my brightest star.