

*In Loving Memory of*  
**Joseph K. Blacksmith**

*August 2, 1957 ~ May 21, 2022*

*A golden heart stopped beating,  
Hard working hands at rest,  
It broke our hearts to see you go,  
God only takes the best.  
They say that memories are golden,  
Well maybe that is true,  
But we never wanted memories,  
We only wanted you.  
Your life was love and labour,  
Your love for you family true,  
You did you best for all of us,  
We will always remember you.  
We sat beside your bedside,  
Our hearts were crushed and sore,  
We did our duty to the end,  
'Til we could do no more.  
In tears we watched you sinking,  
We watched you fade away,  
And though our hearts were breaking,  
We knew you could not stay.  
Our lips cannot speak how we loved you,  
Our hearts cannot tell what to say,  
But God only knows how we miss you,  
In our home that is lonely today.*

**Wake Service**

*Lower Brule Community Center, Lower Brule, SD  
7:00 p.m., Thursday, May 26, 2022  
7:00 p.m., Friday, May 27, 2022*

**Funeral Service**

*Lower Brule Community Center, Lower Brule, SD  
1:00 p.m., Saturday, May 28, 2022*

**Officiating**

*Father Kim Fonder*

*Chris Little*

**Casketbearers**

*Ivan Blacksmith  
Caleb Black Bear  
Darrell "Igor" LaRoche*

*Toby Ness  
Bates "Master" Hood*

*Randy Peacock  
Jarrid "OJ" LaRoche  
Earl LaRoche*

**Military Graveside Rites By**

*Hunkpati Oyate Lodge  
American Indian Veterans  
Fort Thompson/Lower Brule, SD*

**Interment**

*Holy Comforter Episcopal Cemetery, Lower Brule, SD*

Joseph K. Blacksmith (aka Joey, JoJo, or Zeb) was born August 2, 1957 to Grace (Dewitt) Blacksmith and Joseph C. Blacksmith in Chamberlain, SD.

He journeyed to the Spirit World on May 21, 2022 at Chamberlain, SD.

Joseph attended school in Lower Brule, SD where he graduated from Lower Brule High School. He enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1974 and completed his basic training at Fort Leonard, Missouri. In 1976, he was Honorably Discharged.

On August 2, 2018, Joey was united in marriage to Aldean Black Bear. He worked a variety of jobs in Lower Brule including at Lower Brule Wildlife Department, Lower Brule Farm Corporation (Lakota Popcorn), and for Lower Brule Enterprise.

He was an avid softball and pool player, playing in many tournaments throughout his younger years. He also enjoyed playing darts and spending time with his grandchildren Kendrick, Audra, Alaura, and Bailey. Audra was his baby! Joey's easy going personality and fun loving attitude made him a friend to many. He will be deeply missed by friends and family alike.

Joey leaves behind four children Samantha LaRoche Blacksmith of Sioux Falls, SD, Chelsea (Louis) Desheuquette of Chamberlain, SD, Ivan Blacksmith of Lower Brule, SD, and Ashley LaRoche Blacksmith of Lower Brule, SD; any many other nieces, nephews, and grandchildren; four sisters Delilah (Kevin) Leckey, Wanda (Randy) Peacock, Patty (John) Atkinson, and Ila (Erik) Moldenhauer.

Preceding him in death were his beautiful granddaughter J'Dolyn Lebeau, parents Joe and Grace Blacksmith, brothers Ronnie and Allen Blacksmith; and nieces and nephews Pamela Hendershot, Billy Joe Hendershot, Corey Ellen LaCroix, and Ronnie Jean LaCroix.



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## Honorary Bearers

Bobby Traversie	†Brent “Congo” Hood	†Troy Estes
Tim Estes	Cody & Emma Russell	Anita & Dave Flute
Randi Lebeau & Boys	Stephani Langdeau	†Zoby Fisherman
†Wil Edwards	Jarvis Skunk	Danny Flute
Connie LaRoche	†Bucky LaRoche	Dale Middletent
Darrel & Dawn Middletent	Andre McCauley	Dominique LaRoche
Deanna & Houston Rouillard	Ija Skunk	Clayton “Pickles” Big Eagle
Valerie LaRoche	Wayne “Amigo” Estes	Rose Eagle Star
Bobbie Middletent	Thomas Eagle Thunder & Family	†Judy Whitney
Ben Janis	†Louis G. Desheuquette	Tony Battese
Quentin “Bim” Estes	Tony Goodlow	Robert Bad Horse
Ron “Hooter” Flute	Loren Goodlow	†Rose Quilt
John Black Bear Jr.	Bates Hood Jr.	Randy Shields
Cody LeCompte	Ronnie Thigh	†Jack Estes
Jordon Langdeau	Tracey Wagaman	Lori & Dennis Marsh
Mike Coleman	Gavin Thigh	Kera Gourneau
Lori Gourneau	Dorri Estes	Trudy Hood
†Phil Langdeau	Lacy & Steven Ziegler & Family	Lisa LaRoche
†Laura LaRoche	Chelsea M. DeSheuquette	Lambert DeSheuquette
Kendra LaRoche	Demitri “Bubba” Long Turkey	†Rhonda Thigh
Rosetta LaRoche & Family	Harvey “Kola” LaRoche	

And many friends and family too numerous to mention

Arrangements By: Hickey Funeral Home, Chamberlain, SD

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