Phillip Christopher Bearface Jr., of Ft. Thompson, passed away on March 23, 2021 at the Sanford Medical Center in Sioux Falls, SD, at the age of 45 years old.

Chris a.k.a. "Sticky Balls", was born July 27, 1975 in Chamberlain SD, to Winifred Jones and Phillip Christopher Bearface Sr. He grew up mainly in the Ft. Thompson area, but attended Nemo Job Corp in Boxelder, SD where he completed high school. In 1995, Chris graduated from the Masonry program. Throughout his life he found employment in many different areas of construction, but he eventually returned to the Crow Creek reservation. There he discovered his most satisfying career yet as a Black Jack Dealer at both the Lode Star and the Golden Buffalo Casinos. He loved being a Black Jack dealer, (especially the tips!) Chris had a special knack for this fast paced job which required him to think on his feet, total up and keep track of all the player's hands, and also to be aware of anyone attempting to cheat or count cards... all while being able to laugh and socialize with those around him, which made this dealer a favorite amongst the players as evidenced by the abundance of tips he earned each shift. Black Jack was his game!!

On May 25, 2006, Phillip C. "Sticky Balls", was joined in Holy Matrimony to Kimberly B. "Ding-Dong" Big Eagle, this union spawned three children, Phillip, Ramone, and Chloe. Chris was a family man and played a big part in taking care of his stepson, Garrett and extended (hunka) family, Shaynna and Ethan, he loved them like his own.

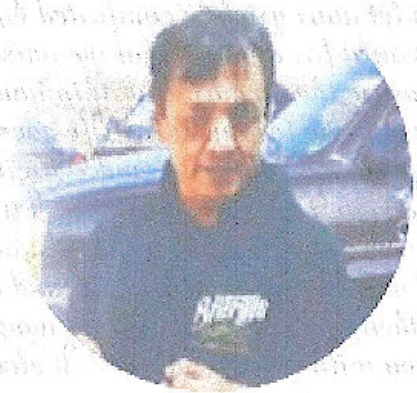
He is survived by his wife: Kimberly (Big Eagle) Bearface; His Children: Phillip Justice Bearface, Ramon Theo Big Eagle, Chloe Cecelia Wanita Ann Bearface, Garrett Hawk, Ethan Big Eagle, and Shaynna (Johnny) Walking Bull, all of Ft. Thompson, Jesse(Kayla)Grey Owl, Sioux Falls, Ryanna Obago, one Granddaughter Da'Ryah Love Sitting Crow, Ft. Thompson, and one brother, Michael Bearface, Chamberlain, SD.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Winifred and Phillip, Maternal Grandparents, Stanley and Rebecca Jones, and a special cousin, Becky Taylor.

Wake services are at the community center in Ft. Thompson, March 27 & 28 at 7pm. Funeral is March 29 at 1pm at the community center with burial at the Presbyterian cemetery in Ft. Thompson.

Hickey Funeral home is in charge of arrangements.

Phillip Christopher Bearface Jr.



July 27, 1975 - March 23, 2021

To Those Whom I love & Those Who Love Me

When I am gone, release me, let me go.
I have so many things to see and do.
You mustn't tie yourself to me with too many tears,
But be thankful we had so many good years.
I gave you my love, and you can only guess
How much you've given me in happiness.
I thank you for the love that you have shown,
But now it is time I travelled on alone.
So grieve for me a while, if grieve you must,
Then let your grief be comforted by trust.
It is only for a while that we must part,
So treasure the memories within your heart.
I won't be far away for life goes on.
And if you need me, call and I will come.
Though you can't see or touch me, I will be near.
And if you listen with your heart, you'll hear,
All my love around you soft and clear.
And then, when you come this way alone,
I'll greet you with a smile and a 'Welcome Home'.

William Cullen Bryant

In Loving Memory of

Phillip Christopher Bearface Jr.

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Wake Services
Community Center Ft. Thompson, SD
Saturday - March 27, 2021
Sunday - March 28, 2021
7:00 p.m.

Funeral Service
Community Center Ft. Thompson, SD
Monday - March 29, 2021
1:00 p.m.

Officiating
Pastor Rod Vaughn

Casketbearers
Phillip Bearface *Ramon Bearface*
Rory Bishop Jr. *Garrett Hawk*
Loren Jones *Quincy Jones*
Cameron Ross *Greg Seekingland*

Honorary Bearers
Frank Drapeau *Rosie Drapeau*
Ken Flute Sr. *Eddie Gonzales*
Norma Gonzales *Tony Gonzales*
Ja'Keith "Cowboy" Goodlow
Brian Harrison Sr. *Thomas Middletent*
Dana McBride *Lester McBride*
Bryant Ross *Burton Stepp III*
Rick Voice Sr. *Rudy Gonzales*
Marlon Sitting Crow

Interment
Presbyterian Cemetery Ft. Thompson, SD

Arrangements By Hickey Funeral Home, Chamberlain, SD