



Everette Daniel Poor Thunder was born to Marie (Parks) and Luke Poor Thunder on October 16, 1936, in a tent in the village of Red Shirt Table, Pine Ridge, SD. At that time he joined big sisters, Lillian, Ruth, big brother Charles, Idabelle and Edith. Later on little sisters: Ethel, Hazel, Marie, and Charlotte would complete the family. Sister Idabelle died in 1947 at the age of 16. His parents later on divorced and Marie moved to Rapid City with all the children. Marie later met and married Felix Fly Sr. and helped him with raising Thomas, Felix Jr., Andrew and Jean.

He was raised on the Ogalala Sioux Nation, completing school up to the 9<sup>th</sup> grade. The family later moved to Rapid City, SD.

He joined the Army during the Korean Conflict in 1953. He earned various certificates, badges, and campaign ribbons:

National Defense Service Medal, Korean Service Medal, United Nations Service Medal, Marksman Qualifications Badge with rifle & Recoilless Rifle Bars and Expert Qualification Badge with Carbine Bar and was honorably discharged in 1957. He was a

member of the Rock Creek American Legion Post #324, and an honorary member of the Little Eagle American Legion Post #239, and Bullhead American Legion Post #82.

He met and married Myrtle Fast Horse on June 17, 1957, and from this union a daughter, Mona Ellen and three sons: Marley Everette, Marlow Eric, and Marty Earl were born. They later divorced in 1973. He married Jackie Quick Bear and later divorced, no children to this union. He met Cleo LaMont and had a son, Michael Gayton. He married Audrey Red Bird, no children to this union, and then she later died in a car crash. Lastly, a son Everette Poor Thunder Jr., with Irene. He has a total of 17 grandchildren.

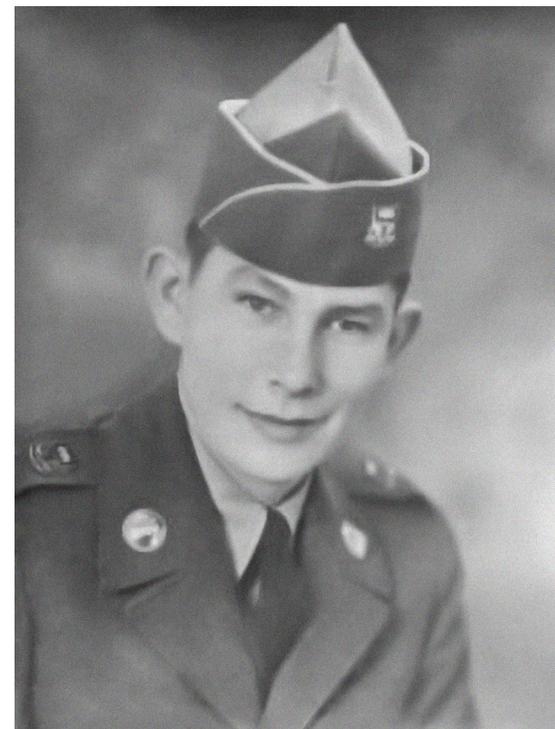
He met and married Irene Chapman in 1995 and remained married until his passing. Stepchildren include: Bernita (Don) Granbois, Gene Daniels, Michelle (William Jr.) Ridley, Donise Red Horn, Vernetta Chapman, Charley Chapman, Mildred Daniels, Ernestine Yellow, Williamette (Shawn Crow Ghost) Archambault, Patrick Archambault and son, Everette Poor Thunder Jr.

He enjoyed horseback riding and took in the rodeo circuit competing as a bareback and saddle bronc rider as a bull rider, attending rodeos throughout South and North Dakota, Montana, Wyoming and Nebraska and Ontario, Canada. One of the memorable times was competing along with the well-known Casey Tibbs, a six-time saddle bronc Champion. He also had fond memories of working on the historic construction of the Oahe Dam at Fort Pierre, SD. He worked various jobs throughout his lifetime working road construction, laborer-type jobs and his last job was water drilling on Ogalala and Rosebud Sioux Nations. Later he worked for Joe Hartman on the Standing Rock Sioux Nation. After retirement his main pastime and enjoyment was going to the casinos, watching rodeos and pow-wows during the summertime. He also enjoyed playing card games in the winter, spending time with his loved ones, taking time to visit all his relatives near and far, and playing with the grandchildren, always reminding them of his love for them. He enjoyed telling stories of the old days, cowboy days and other days as well. He loved to tease a lot, and at times it may have gotten him into trouble but that contagious laughter he had, would meld all those troubles away.

He leaves behind his wife, Irene Poor Thunder of 27 years, daughter Mona Poor Thunder, of Auburn, WA, Monas' children Carolyn (grandchildren Hellana and Everette), Danielle (Michelle), John (Faith) and Sidney and the 12 grandchildren from his deceased sons (Marley and Marlow) and son Everette Poor Thunder Jr., also his stepchildren, Gene Daniels, Sr., Ernestine (Leland Brown) Yellow, Mildred Daniels, Bernita (Don) Granbois, Michelle (Bill) Ridley, Vernetta Chapman, Charley Chapman, Williamette (Shawn Crow Ghost) Archambault, 28 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. Sisters Edith (Charles) White of McLaughlin, SD, Ethel (Henry) Smith of Tacoma, WA, Marie Jackson, Rapid City, SD and Charlotte Neal, Rapid City, SD, sister in laws, Shirley White Buffalo and Joann Kidder, Janice Hamilton, Allen Buckle's Verlene Denny, Devin Magnum and grandchildren, adopted son, Kirk Flying Horse Sr., adopted daughters, Robin Spotted Horse and Barbara Mousseau, special nephews, Gillard White, Darrell Brushbreaker, Sr., Dale Poor Thunder and Patrick Randall, special nieces, Shirley Poor Thunder and Fern Poor Thunder, Starlet Fills The Pipe and Ida Brushbreaker and numerous cousins, nieces, nephews, and grandchildren that are too many to list.

He was preceded in death by his children, sons, Marley, Marlow and Marty, parents, Luke and Marie (Parks) Poor Thunder, sisters, Lillian Bad Hand, Ruth Yellow Eagle, Hazel Feole, and Idabelle, and older brother, Charles Poor Thunder. Stepbrother Thomas Fly, Felix Fly Jr., Andrew Fly and stepsister Jean (Ervin Wells) Fly.

In Loving Memory Of:



Everette Poor Thunder

October 16, 1936

April 4, 2022



*Husband, Father, Grandfather & Brother*

*A million times we thought of you,  
A million times we cried,  
If love alone could have saved you,  
You never would have died.*

*In life we loved you dearly,  
In death we love you still.  
In our hearts you hold a place  
No one could ever fill.*

*It broke our hearts to lose you.  
But you didn't go alone.  
For part of us went with you  
The day God took you home.*

### **A Cowboy's Prayer**

Oh Lord, I've never lived where churches grow. I loved creation better as it stood  
that day you finished it so long ago And looked upon your work and called it good.  
I know that others find you in the light That's sifted down through tinted window panes,  
And yet I seem to feel You near tonight In this dim, quiet starlight on the plains.

I thank You, Lord, that I am placed so well, That You have made my freedom so complete;  
That I'm no slave to whistle, clock or bell, Nor weak eyed prisoner of wall and street,  
Just let me live my life as I've begun And give me work that's open to the sky;  
Make me a pardner of the wind and sun, And I won't ask a life that's soft or high.

Let me be easy on the man that's down; Let me be square and generous with all,  
I'm careless sometimes, Lord, when I'm in town, But never let'em say I'm mean or small  
Make me as big and open as the plains, As honest as the hoss between my knees,  
Clean as the wind that blows behind the rains,  
Free as the hawk that circles down the breeze!

Forgive me, Lord, if sometimes I forget, You know about the reasons that are hid,  
You understand the things that gall and fret; You know me better than my mother did,  
Just keep an eye on all that's done and said And right me, sometimes, when I turn aside,  
And guide me on the long, dim trail ahead That stretches upward toward the Great Divide.

**IN LOVING MEMORY OF:**

# *Everette Poor Thunder*

*85 Years ~ 5 Months ~ 19 Days*

**BORN:**

*October 16, 1936*

*Red Shirt Table, South Dakota*

**PASSED AWAY:**

*April 4, 2022*

*Bismarck, North Dakota*

**WAKE SERVICES:**

*7:00 PM, Monday, April 11, 2022*

*McLaughlin Blue Gym*

**FUNERAL SERVICE:**

*11:00 AM, Tuesday, April 12, 2022*

*McLaughlin Blue Gym*

*McLaughlin, South Dakota*

**OFFICIATING:**

*Fr. Kim Fonder*

**CASKETBEARERS:**

*Don Granbois ~ Gene Daniels ~ Patrick Archambault  
Shawn Crow Ghost ~ John Poor Thunder ~ Kendall White Tail*

**HONORARY BEARERS:**

*Special Nephews, Gillard White, Darrell Brushbreaker Sr.,  
Rodney Jackson, Tommy Jackson, Charlie Chapman, Rufus  
Reeds Sr., & all relatives & friends from the Oglala &  
Standing Rock Sioux Nations*

**MILITARY HONORS:**

*Little Eagle Growler Looking Back Jamerson  
American Legion Post #239  
Rock Creek American Legion Post #324*

**BURIAL:**

*All Nations Veterans Cemetery  
Sioux County, North Dakota*

*Arrangements Entrusted to  
Kesling Funeral Home.*