Thomas Paul Ducheneaux, Tabloka Sapa "Black Bull", was born on March 18, 1942, at the Cheyenne River Old Agency to Ernest "Tuffy" and Mary (Collins) Ducheneaux. He also shared this day with his twin sister Mary Jane Anderson who was born minutes later. He grew up on his parent's ranch in Promise, SD, SD along with his 13 siblings. His elementary years were spent at Old Cheyenne Agency and Stephan.

Tommy loved the life of ranching, riding and breaking horses. On August 14, 1968 he married his sweetheart Hilda Jean Thompson in Pierre, SD. They made their home between Promise and White Horse from 1970 to 1987. In 1987 they moved to Timber Lake where Tommy worked for the Cheyenne River Housing Authority for 25 years before he retired.

He enjoyed Auction sales and found many treasures but most everyone knows his biggest treasures were his family! In his later years he liked going to casinos, playing bingo and dancing. One would see him and Hilda two-stepping and swinging any place the "Strangers" were playing. Family reunions were special to him. Everyone loved their uncle Tom. In fact, he became "Uncle Tom" or "Grandpa/Papa Tom" to many younger people who weren't relatives. The bond he had with his grandchildren was like no other. He was their biggest supporter when he would attend any activities they were involved in.

Tommy is survived by his children, Joann of Timber Lake, Cindy (Joe) of Ft. Yates and Leland of Bismarck. Grandchildren, Logan, Regan (Delaney), Aleisha, J.P. and Leah along with many more grands and greats Sisters, Arlyce (Bill) Wientjes and Mary Jane Anderson, brothers-in-law, Ross Lawrence, Frankie Thompson, Ronnie Long, Whitey Keller, Al Aberle and Bob Hagel, Larry and George Handboy, sisters-in-law, Althea Thompson and Delena Handboy.

Greeting him in Heaven are his wife, Hilda and son, T.J., parents, Tuffy and Mary, mother-in-law, Mavis, sisters, Phyllis, Audrey, Janice, Delores, Sharon, Lila Faye, Bunny Sue, Debbe and Butchie, brothers, Lyle and Roman, brothers-in-law, Elmer Gunville, Dick Ward, Vincent Thompson, Dick Anderson, Delbert Lamb and Elvis Handboy, sister-in-law, Julie Weninger, and many nieces and nephews.

Rest Easy Dad/Grandpa, give our love to Mom/Grandma.

In Loving Memory Of:

Thomas Paul Ducheneaux
Tabloka Sapa
"Black Bull"

March 18, 1942 ~ March 19, 2022

Crossing Over

It was just my time to go.
I see you are still feeling sad,
And the tears just seem to flow.
We all come to earth for our lifetime,
And for some it's not many years
I don't want you to keep crying
You are shedding so many tears.
I haven't really left you
Even though it may seem so.
I have just gone to my heavenly home,
And I'm closer to you than you know.
Just believe that when you say
My name, I'm standing next to you,
I know you long to see me,
But there's nothing I can do.
But I'll still send you messages
And hope you understand,
That when your time comes to
"cross over," I'll be there.
To take your hand.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF:
Thomas Paul Ducheneaux
Tabloka Sapa ~ "Black Bull"
80 Years ~ 0 Months ~ 1 Day

BORN:	**PASSED AWAY:**
March 18, 1942	*March 19, 2022*
Old Cheyenne Agency, South Dakota	*Bismarck, North Dakota*

MASS OF CHRSTIAN BURIAL:
10:00 AM, Monday, March 28, 2022
Holy Cross Catholic Church
Timber Lake, South Dakota

CLERGY:
Fr. Brian Lane
EULOGY: *Deb Allen Ducheneaux*
READER: *Cody Lawrence*

ORGANIST: *Marlene Biegler*

SPECIAL MUSIC:
Frankie Thompson
"Farewell Party" ~ " Cowboy Rides Away"

USHERS:
Lyle Anderson ~ Justin Takes The Knife
Jaden Ducheneaux ~ Isiah Ducheneaux

CASKETBEARERS:
Logan Hump ~ Joe Dunn ~ Delaney Lester ~ Tater Ward ~ Clayton Hagel
Jabo Gabe ~ Kritter Lamb ~ Marty Thompson ~ Shadow Thompson
Tuffy Thompson ~ Jason Lawrence
JR. CASKETBEARERS:
Hayden Thompson ~ Hadley Thompson ~ J.P. Mellette

HONORARY BEARERS:
All Tommy's Family, Friends & God Children

BURIAL:
Timber Lake Cemetery
Timber Lake, South Dakota