

In Loving Memory of  
**Wallace Phillip Felicia Jr.**  
**“Wally”**

July 17, 1955 ~ October 10, 2022

**Wake Services**

Diamond Willow Ministries, Fort Thompson, SD  
7:00 p.m., Thursday, October 13, 2022  
7:00 p.m., Friday, October 14, 2022

**Funeral Service**

Diamond Willow Ministries, Fort Thompson, SD  
1:00 p.m., Saturday, October 15, 2022

**Officiating**

Rod Vaughn

Andrew Thomas

**Casketbearers**

Arnold Harrison  
Bud Hawk  
Shane Wounded Knee  
Rich Miller

Adrian Abernathy  
Mike “Dougie” Voice  
Glenn Shields  
Mickey Poncelet

**Honorary Bearers**

Trinity Gravatt Sr.  
Jack Abernathy  
Tim Estes  
Mel Dean Rank  
Jess “Wolf” Harrison  
Rick Voice  
Melby Kirkie  
Erickson Big Eagle  
Shiloh Olson  
Terry Abernathy

Gaylyn Gravatt  
Don Big Eagle  
Puggy Hawk  
Bill Hawk  
Rory Bishop  
Trinity Gravatt Jr.  
Edd Miller  
Aksel Olson  
Ben “Bugsy” Thompson  
John Abernathy

Dean McGhee

And All His Other Relatives and Friends

**Interment**

Conkicaska Presbyterian Cemetery, Fort Thompson, SD

Arrangements By: Hickey Funeral Home, Chamberlain, SD

There's a hundred years of history  
And a hundred before that  
All gathered in the thinkin'  
Goin' on beneath this hat.

The cold flame burns within him  
'til his skin's as cold as ice  
And the dues he paid to get here  
Are worth every sacrifice.

All the miles spend sleepy drivin'  
All the money down the drain,  
All the “if's, I's, and nearly's,”  
All the bandages and pain,

All the female tears left dryin',  
All the fever and the fight  
Are just a small down payment  
On the ride he makes tonight.

It's gut and love and glory,  
One mortal's chance at fame.  
His legacy is rodeo  
And cowboy is his name.



Wallace P. Felicia was born July 17, 1955 at the Community Bailey Hospital in Chamberlain, SD to Madeline Harrison and Wallace Felicia Sr. Wally was a cowboy growing up in Bad Nation, SD. He attended grade school at Fort Thompson and high school at Stephan, SD. He then attended Rodeo School for Indian Youth in Pierre, SD. He completed Bronc Riding on May 27, 1972. He went on to Rodeo throughout the state with his teacher/mentor Ray Harrison. Ray taught Wally everything he knew about Bare Back Riding. Ray

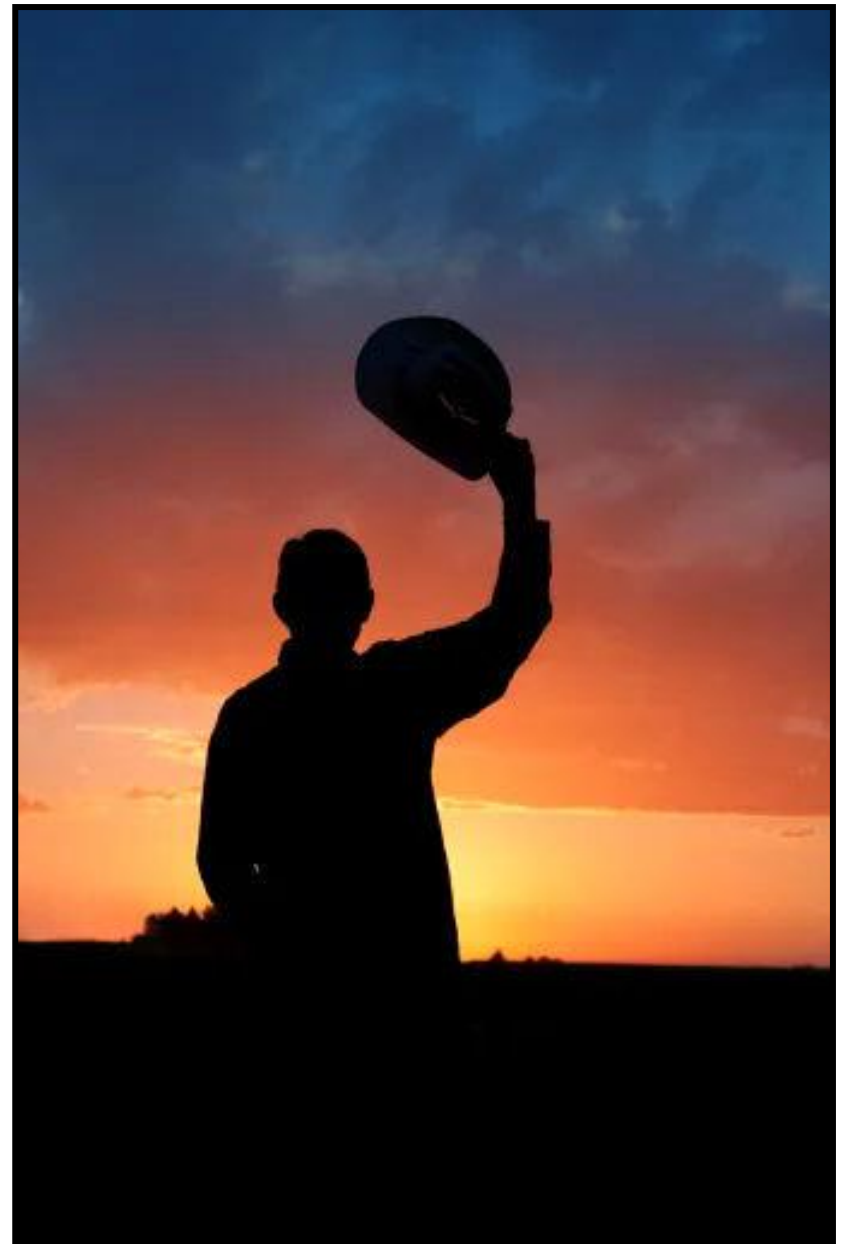
thought highly for Wally in Bronc Riding. After Ray's passing, Wally stopped riding and enlisted in the U.S. Army. During his service in the military, Wally received his GED. He was Honorably Discharged on November 3, 1975 and returned home for a few years. In 1981, he enrolled in MTI to be a Lineman and graduated the following year. Later, he met Glenda Gravatt and together had five children. He worked construction in Pierre for several years before returning to Bad Nation where he worked for Jack Abernathy for eight years. He then worked for the Crow Creek Sioux Tribe at the landfill for the next 15 years before working in Crow Creek Housing and then the Lode Star Casino.

Wally enjoyed working and keeping busy and visiting with family and friends. He loved to talk about his younger year over some drinks and reliving his bronc riding days. He was always saying "He's free black and 21". As a young boy, Wally was considered a "loner". He knew the creek like the palm of his hand. He had a faithful companion collie dog named "King" who was his closest friend for many years.

Wally passed away on October 10, 2022 at Fort Thompson, SD at the age of 67 years. Gratefully sharing his life are his children Trinity, Kaylene, Jamee, Gaylyn, Kayla, Lucy, and Cody; his brother William Hawk and Velsworth "Puggy" Hawk; sister Sharon Bagola, Marilyn Felicia, Lynn McGhee, and Alsephine Joseph; and many grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and extended family.

He is joined in death by his wife Glenda Gravatt-Felicia, sister Karen Felicia, and brother Faron Felicia.

*May this Bronc Rider ride home.*



Wallace P "Wally" Felicia Jr.

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