

### **A COWBOYS PRAYER**

*Oh, Lord, I've never lived where churches grow.*

*I love 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 of 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 partner 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 boss 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 gail 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*

## **Curtis Robert McGhee**

*September 12, 1964 – February 21, 2021*

### **Wake Services**

*Lower Brule Community Center, Lower Brule, SD*

*7:00 p.m. Thursday, February 25, 2021*

*Diamond Willow Ministries, Fort Thompson, SD*

*7:00 p.m. Friday, February 26, 2021*

### **Funeral Service**

*Diamond Willow Ministries, Fort Thompson, SD*

*1:00 p.m. Saturday, February 27, 2021*

### **Officiating**

*Shirley Crane*

*Terry Quilt*

*Rod Vaughn*

### **Casketbearers**

*Kirby McGhee*

*Quintin McGhee Sr.*

*Kevin McGhee*

*Caleb McGhee*

*Alan Thompson Jr.*

*Jasper Eagle Star*

*Basil Eagle Star*

*Ken (Dozel) Four Cloud*

### **Honorary Bearers**

*Quinton R McGhee*

*Darrell LaRoche*

*Dillion LaRoche*

*Charlotte Flute*

*Eugene St. Cloud*

*Clyde Estes*

*William Edwards*

*Joshua Fitzler*

*Kelly McGhee Sr.*

*Family of Willard "Boxcar" Voice*

*Alan Thompson Sr.*

*Jarrid LaRoche*

*Cameron "John" LaRoche*

*Sterling St. Cloud*

*Jason Rouillard*

*Everette Grey Owl*

*Leonard Edwards*

*Earl LaRoche Sr.*

*Troy LaRoche*

*Charles Flute*

*Richard St. Cloud*

*Brian LaRoche*

*George Grey Cloud*

*Kris Morris*

*Frank McGhee*

*Kelly McGhee Jr.*

*Crow Creek Ambulance*

### **Interment**

*St. John's Episcopal Cemetery, Crow Creek, SD*

**Arrangements By:** *Hickey Funeral Home, Chamberlain, SD*

## *In Loving Memory*

Curtis Robert McGhee was born September 12, 1964 to Erwin “Doe Doe” LaRoche and Rose Quilt. In that same year of birth, he came to live with Pat and Robert “Bumpy” McGhee. On October 19, 1971 he was officially adopted by the two.

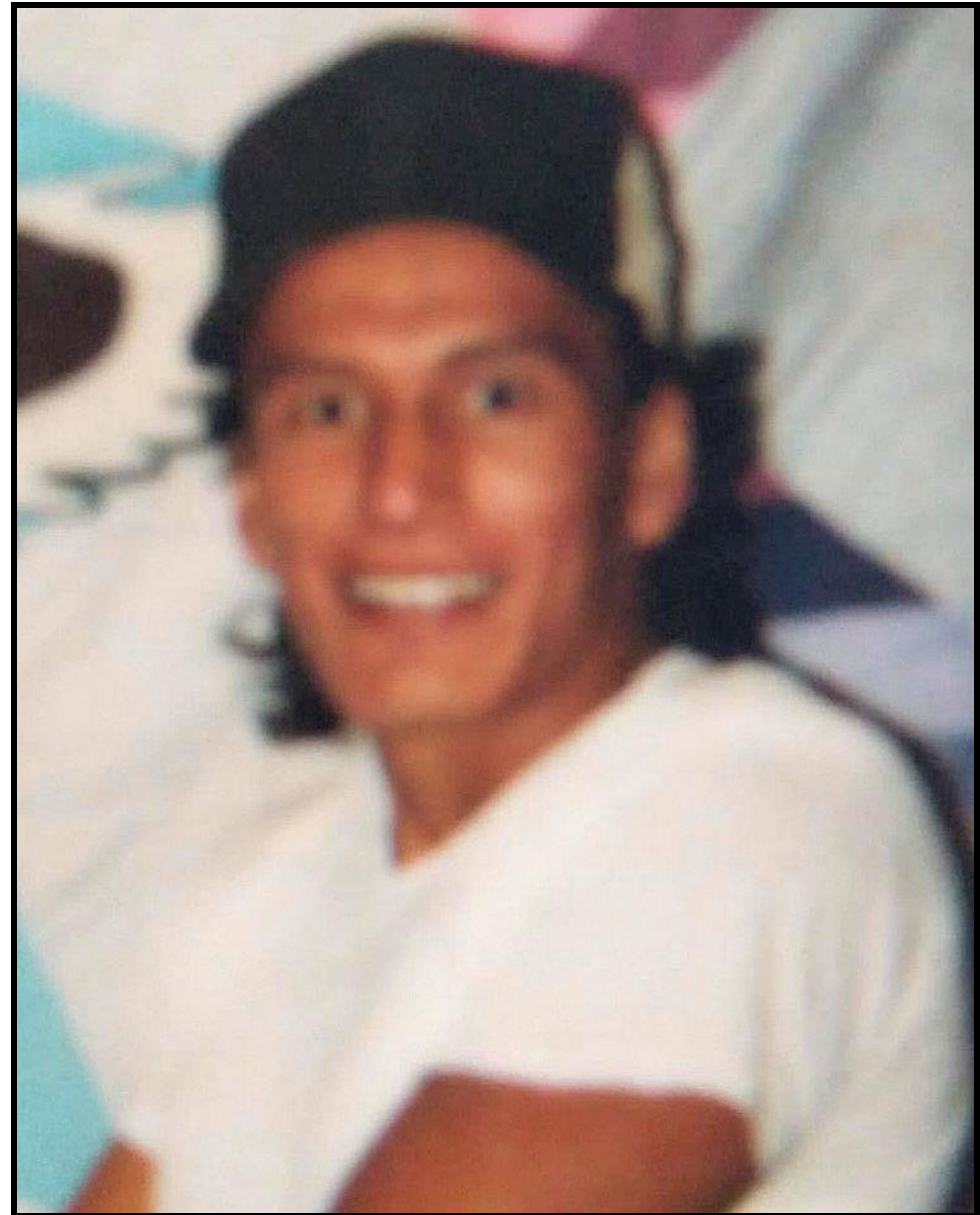
Curtis attended Crow Creek Tribal Schools until the age of 17. He then went to Black Hills youth camp for two years. After that, he returned home to his stomping grounds of Crow Creek and Lower Brule.

He would randomly work as a ranch hand for many local ranchers and farmers. He also did other random jobs throughout his life.

Curtis had a strong passion for horses. He enjoyed taking long horseback rides either with family or friends or just a solo ride of just a cowboy and his trusty horse.

Curtis is survived by his siblings Roxanne (Jack) Fitzler of Parkston, SD, Brenda (Paul) Morris of Mitchell, SD, and Quintin McGhee of Fort Thompson, SD, brothers Earl LaRoche Sr., Darrel LaRoche, Jarrid LaRoche, Troy LaRoche, Dillion LaRoche, Jasper Eagle Star, and Basil Eagle Star, sisters Connie LaRoche, Anita (David) Flute, Deedee Bad Horse, Dorrie (Troy) Estes, Danielle LaRoche, Judy (Kendall) Johnson, Nancy Eagle Star, Dulcy Eagle Star, Margaret Eagle Star, and Melissa LaRoche, and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents Pat and Robert “Bumpy” McGhee, two brothers Erwin LaRoche and Leighton LaRoche, one sister Patricia (Lakota) Gott, and many aunts and uncles.



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