

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 windowpanes,
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 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

Bernard Paul "Beep" Grey Owl

March 5, 1950 ~ July 16, 2021

Wake Services

*St. Joseph's Catholic Church
Fort Thompson, SD
Tuesday, July 20, 2021
Wednesday, July 21, 2021
8:00 P.M.*

Funeral Service

*St. Joseph's Catholic Church
Fort Thompson, SD
Thursday, July 22, 2021
10:00 A.M.*

Officiating

*Father Christianus Hendrick, SCJ Father Jean Claude, SCJ
Deacon Steve McLaughlin Sister Charles Palm*

Casketbearers

*Mike Coleman Joe Wells
Robert King Kason Comes Flying
Todd Bolman Jim Langdeau*

Honorary Bearers

*Brandon Grey Owl Beeman Seaboy
Skeeter Smith Ronnie McBride
Shannon Cheney The Ted Bolman Family
The Wally Wells Family All other Family and Friends*

Interment

*Immaculate Conception Catholic Cemetery
Stephan, SD*

Arrangements By: Hickey Funeral Home, Chamberlain, SD

Bernard Paul Grey Owl journeyed to the spirit world peacefully on the morning of July 16, 2021 at Sanford Hospital's Ava's House in Sioux Falls, SD. He was 71 years old and was the first born boy of ten children (two older sisters, three younger sisters, and four younger brothers).

He was born in Rosebud, SD to Patricia Irene Grey Owl and Virgil La Fortune of Highmore, SD on March 5th, 1950. He grew up in the Stephan and Highmore areas and was known as "Beep" to all his family and friends. He attended both Highmore and Stephan schools before graduating.

Beep worked for many ranchers in the area across the years and knew the value of a hard day's work. He had a tremendous love of horses and was a great horseman. Beep was also a bus driver with Crow Creek High School for 35 years. He enjoyed all his jobs and always offered a handshake and smile to everyone. In his retirement, he loved watching football and rodeos on television.

He was a devoted father and grandfather to his son, Weldon, and grandson, Kason. He was a kind and respectful person who had a big heart. He was always willing to lend a helping hand to anyone who needed help. He had a special ability to tease, joke and make friends wherever he went. He loved to spend time with family and friends. His friendship was a gift to all who knew him. He was always a person folks knew they could count on when needed.

Beep leaves behind his son, Weldon Comes Flying, his one and only grandson, Kason Comes Flying, and his lifelong companion, Phyllis Comes Flying, sisters Mary Brink of Vivian, SD and Beverly Carpenter of Rapid City, SD; two younger brothers Gerald and Greg, and many other family and friends who loved him dearly.

Beep was preceded in death by his parents, Patricia and Virgil; his grandparents John and Sophie Grey Owl of Stephan; three sisters Genevieve Hunter of Huron SD, Charlotte (Grey Owl) His Gun of Pierre, SD, and Melvina (Grey Owl) Burger of Pierre, SD and two brothers Kenny LaFortune of Burlington, Iowa, and Richard Mills of Brookings, SD.

His horse is saddled and waiting for him. He will be greeted in heaven by his many family, relatives and friends that have passed on before him.

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