

In Loving Memory of:



IN REMEMBRANCE OF ROMEY

Throw the gate wide open boys
And let my horses free
Have a drink and live it up
But don't you cry for me

I lived the life I wanted to
Now it's my time to go
I'm headed to the spirit world
For one last rodeo

I got old "Straight Velvet" drawn tonight
It's going to be one hell'uva ride
Cause they got the two best judges ever
God's on the left, Jesus on the other side

I loved the life you gave me Lord
The rodeos, family, and friends
I wish it would go on forever
But this is where the story ends

Take me back to the Moreau River
Where my wild horses run free
Let me ride my favorite horse
Just like it used to be

As I ride over that far horizon
And enter that arena today
Please let my family know now
That I made it and I'm doing OK

Ease the sorrow on his family, Lord
Let them know that he's alright

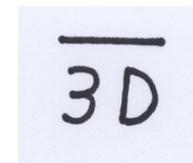
Cause the greatest bronc rider, Romey Gunville

Won it
missing

By:

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all,
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and we'll be
tonight
Blaine
Nordvold

Roman "Romey"
Gunville

January 2, 1960 ~ June 13, 2021



In Loving Memory Of:
Roman "Romey" Gunville
Sunka Wakan Wicasa Watogla
"Wild Horse Man"

BORN:

January 2, 1960
Mobridge, South Dakota

PASSED AWAY:

June 13, 2021
Rapid City, South Dakota

CELEBRATION OF LIFE SERVICES:

10:00 AM, Monday, June 21, 2021
Eagle Butte Rodeo Grounds
Eagle Butte, South Dakota

CLERGY:

Fr. John Paul Trask

READER: *Janell Ward*

EULOGY: *Kevin Keckler*

SOLOIST:

Michelle Walking Elk ~ "Precious Lord Take My Hand"

CASKETBEARERS:

Tater Ward ~ Glenn Gunville ~ Orwin Thompson ~ Brady Ward
Joel Kammerer ~ Chuck Holloway ~ Shayne Claymore ~ Kurt Starr
JJ Hunt ~ Travis Jewett

HONORARY BEARERS:

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USHERS:

Arte Jewett ~ Ted Eagle ~ Merrill Mitchell

WAGON MASTER:

Aaron Webb

INTERMENT:

Roman (Romey) D. Gunville was born on January 02, 1960 to Elmer & Phyliss (Ducheneaux) Gunville in Mobridge, S.D. Romey was called home on June 13, 2021 in Rapid City, S.D. Romey attended all his school years at Cheyenne Eagle Butte, graduating in 1978. Romey was very active during high school, he loved playing football, was an All-American and competed in rodeo. In 1978, he won South Dakota Regionals and went on to National High School finals, where he rode a bronc for the Good Morning America program.

Romey & Joyce first met in 1974 when they were 14 years old, it was love at first sight. They were married in 1982, they have three children, Dawson Tucker, Dave Brody and Demi Marie. They moved to Rapid City, SD where Romey attended Western Dakota Vo-Tech and graduated with a Small Engine Repair degree. Romey also worked for his Uncle Harlan & Aunt Georgie Gunville at Indian West in Rapid City. Romey was very personable and made many new friends while living in Rapid City. In 1987, they returned home to Eagle Butte and began ranching again. Romey worked for the City of Eagle Butte, maintaining the golf course and helping Jon Ganje with whatever he needed. Romey also worked for the Bureau of Indian Affairs Land Operations. He liked golfing, hunting, camping, playing cornhole and visiting. He could be seen parked at the Eagle Butte Saddle Shop, congregating with friends.

Rodeo was Romey's calling, he competed in Saddle bronc riding and did quite well. During his High School years, he and his dad Elmer spent a lot of time at his uncle Harlan's ranch where he fell in love with bucking horses. He filled his PRCA permit at 2 rodeos and hit the rodeo trail with his cousin Tater, winning Amarillo in 1979 and placing at several others. In 1980 Romey won year end saddle bronc titles in both Indian Associations, Great Plains and Sioux Nation. He won year end champion at the NRCA finals. 993. He competed for four decades, getting on his last bronc in 2001, winning the Elmer Gunville Memorial Wild Ride for his mother.

Romey is survived by his loving wife: Joyce, Sons: Dawson (LaRae), Dave and Demi (Kourt). Grandchildren: Rance, KLinda, Jessa, Madden, Marleigh and Rio Lou. Great Grandson: Zayden. Sisters: Latonne, Jo Lavae, Brothers: William (Margaret), Ernest & Dustin (Jimmie). Numerous Aunts, Uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, all that he loved dearly.

Romey was proceeded in death by his parents: Elmer & Phyliss Gunville, sister: Guyla Ann, maternal & paternal Grandparents, Uncles Harlan, Jerome, Lyle, Roman, Aunts: Delores, Audrey, Sharon, Marilyn (Butchie), and Debbie and two young men who were just like sons: Shannon Lawrence & Blue Annis.