

Your gentle face and patient smile,
With sadness we recall,
You had a kindly word for each
And died beloved by all.
The voice is mute and stilled the heart
That loved us well and true,
Ah, bitter was the trial to part
From one so good as you.
You are not forgotten loved one
Nor will you ever be
As long as life and memory last
We will remember thee.
We miss you now, our hearts are sore,
As time goes by, we miss you more,
Your loving smile, your gentle face,
No one can take your vacant place.



Death be not proud. ~ John Donne

In Loving Memory of

Emmett Richard "Booty" Sawalla

September 10, 1953 ~ September 17, 2026

Wake Services

Lower Brule Community Center, Lower Brule, SD
7:00 p.m., Sunday, September 20, 2026
7:00 p.m., Monday, September 21, 2026

Funeral Service

Lower Brule Community Center, Lower Brule, SD
1:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 22, 2026

Officiating

Fr. Kim Fonder — *Shirley Crane*

Casketbearers

Richard Johnson	*Keith Johnson Sr.*	*Milton Eagle Star Jr*
Quenton Old Lodge	*Ronnie Middletent Jr.*	*Dominic Herrera*
Trevor Red Wolf	*Basil Eagle Star*	*Emilio Old Bull*

Honorary Bearers

Ben Janis & family	Bim Estes Janelle & family	Edmund Long Turkey
Gerry Estes & family	Bernetta Traversie & family	Earl LaRoche
Gladys LaRoche	Delante Flute	Kermit Swift Horse
Fred Goodface	Emaryl RedWolf	Gerald RedWolf
Willard Hawkwing	Jenny Grassrope	Roland & Flora Crane
Delphine Andrews	Ruth Olsen	Zona EagleStar
Diz & Marilyn Harmon	Alan Thompson Sr.	Lori Gourneau
Tracey & Merle Wilson	Golden Buffalo & staff	Enterprise & Staff
Housing & Staff		Lower Brule Sioux Tribe

Duane & Emily Good Face & family
Misty & Pooh Ziegler & family

Interment

Holy Comforter Episcopal Cemetery, Lower Brule, SD

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

Emmett Richard (Booty) Sawalla 74, of Lower Brule SD passed away surrounded by loved ones on Thursday, September 17, 2026 at the Sanford Heart Hospital in Sioux Falls SD.



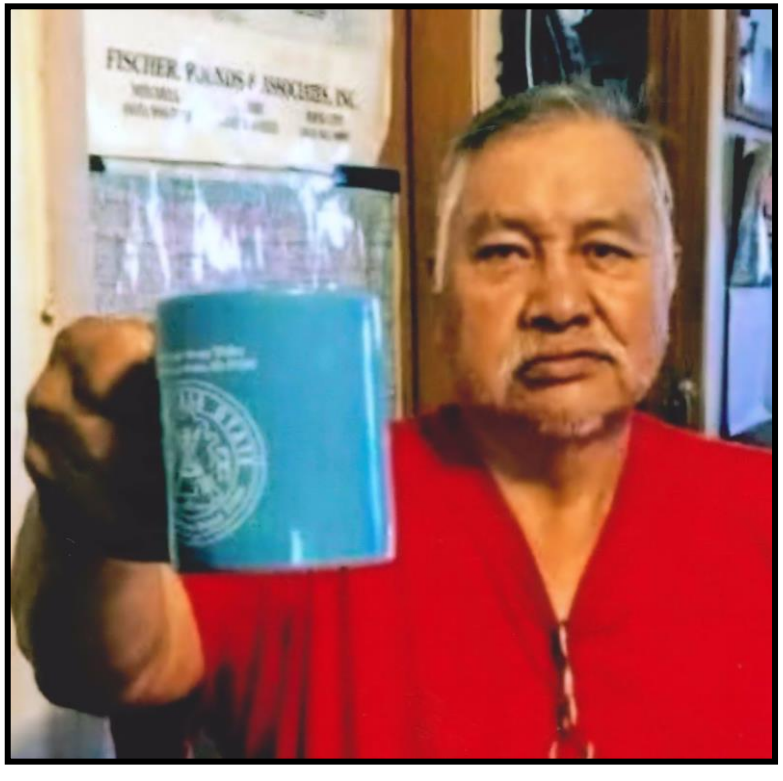
Emmett, loving known as “Booty” was a gentle kind man who was always happy to make a new friend. Although he was deaf it never stopped him from communicating and telling others about his favorite things cars and cats. He had his own special way to communicate to the community. Always waving at everyone with a smile on his face. He loved his family very much, always welcoming his family home or when he seen them, with hugs. He never worked but always liked tinkering with tools. He lived most of his life in Lower Brule but went to school for the deaf in Sioux Falls SD. His disability never stopped him from getting out and doing the things he loved. His favorite spot was the casino. Our uncle, brother, grandpa, and friend will be greatly missed by all.

Emmett is preceded in death by his mother Maggie (Lever) BadHorse and father Joe Sawalla Sr., his bothers Lester, Jasper, Larry Eaglestar, sisters Pansy, Vivian Sawalla, Bernice, Velma, Rena BadHorse, his nephews Baby Tim Washington Sr., Quincy and Bryon Walks, grandsons Keenan Roth and Braven Glenn, and nieces Gayla BadHorse and Shelly High Elk and Lynette Laroche.

Emmett is survived by his siblings Clyde, Vera Sawalla, Barbara, Jennifer BadHorse, nieces: Blossom, Nancy, Lila, Dulcy, Margaret, Naomi, Ashley, Monique, Sheritha, Maggie, Rena, Nephews: Delbert, Cameron, Randall, Kendall Kenyon, Gerald, Emaryl, Trevor, Jasper, Basil, Josiah Cameron L., Grandkids Katrina, Kayla, Marissa, Jolee, Jolene, Gavin, Emilio, Scottie, Jalyn, Deven, Daymond, Dion, Dominic, Donvan, Demarah, Autumn, Kingsley, Beau Cedar, Bear, Carmoni, Arianna, Victor, Xavier, Braven, Juan, Kendrick, Carter, Amara, Dominic, Chasity, Delante, Aubria, Geralyn, Gerald 3rd, Basil Jr., Rose, Tamara, Ron Jr., Alan Jr., Cedric, Hope, Elkanah, Cassius, Emilia, Antonio, Bernice, Legacy, Norah, Dalon, Kaelanni, Xelia'Anna, Sabine, Roselind, Felix, Fayelee, Brycen, Kalvin, extended family EagleStar and including numerous friends and relatives too many to mention.



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