

Joseph Carl "Little Joe" Alberts Sr. entered the spirit world with his loving family by his side on Wednesday, February 20th, 2019, at Altru Hospital in Grand Forks, North Dakota.

Joseph Carl Alberts Sr. was born on September 23, 1953, to Ramauld Alberts (Spirit Lake Tribe) and Victoria Twiggs (Standing Rock Sioux Tribe) in Devils Lake, North Dakota. Little Joe was the 5th of 7 children in his family. Little Joe was reared and educated in Saint Michael, ND, he attended the Little Flower School, where he made several lifelong friends. He received his GED and Law Enforcement Certification from United Tribes Technical College.

Little Joe moved to Los Angeles, California where he worked for the Tribal American Consultant Corporation as a Teacher Assistant, later on promoted to Job Counselor. Here he met his wife Rita Willow of Arapahoe, WY. Of this union they had three children Joseph, Jolene and Henry. They moved to Chadron, Nebraska where Little Joe became the 1st Native American on the Chadron Police Force. He was also a BIA Police Officer at the Fort Totten Police Station and Pine Ridge Police Station. He worked at a News Station in Riverton, WY. Then a Seismic position in California. Little Joe and Rita divorced. Little Joe met Kathleen Rider of Harlem, Montana in California. Of this union they had five children Jessica, Jennifer, Jason, Jewell and Jeremy. They made a home in Sacramento, CA where Little Joe worked at Tecumseh Construction Company. In 1989 they moved to Saint Michael, ND and made this their home. Here Little Joe gained employment from Spirit Lake Tribe, he proudly served his tribe for many, many years. Little Joe worked at the Tribe's first Casino in St. Michaels. Little Joe helped establish the Ambulance program where he was an EMT. He loved working at the Fire Department where he was Fire Chief with many accomplishments and awards, during this time he had a part time job installing Dish Satellite TV. Lastly he became the Director of Emergency Management. Little Joe was an influential leader in every aspect of his life.

Our Dad was a very hard working man his whole life, he was very caring, giving, put everyone's needs before his, very generous to all, he was big hearted to family, friends, everyone he met. Papa Joe will be greatly missed by all his grandchildren. Our Dad loved to remanence on all the places and adventures he traveled too. He will be missed by many, especially his great sense of humor, jokes, song singing and stories. He will be greatly missed beyond what any words can express. Our Dad has left a very prominent legacy that all of his children are proud of.

Little Joe is preceded in death by his parents, Ramauld Alberts and Victoria Twiggs; paternal grandparents, Joseph Alberts and Mattie Lohnes; maternal grandparents, Thomas Twiggs and Mary Bullhead; brothers, Henry Alberts and Thomas Alberts Sr.; sister, Julie Ann Smith; nephew, David Smith "Baby Dave," many aunts, uncles and cousins.

Little Joe is survived by his children, Joseph (Annrell) Alberts Jr., Riverton WY, Joline Alberts, Arapahoe WY, Henry Alberts, Riverton WY, Jessica (Darcy) Alberts, Fort Totten ND, Jennifer Alberts-Robertson, St. Michael ND, Jewell Alberts, Jason Alberts and Jeremy Alberts, St. Michael ND; sisters, Myra (Frank) Lohnes, Cynthia Alberts; brother, Ramauld Alberts; nephews, James Alberts, Tracy Alberts, Thomas Alberts Jr., Michael Alberts, Charles Alberts, Frank H. Lohnes, Stephen Sanderson, Michael Smith and Brian Alberts; nieces, Lorraine Alberts, Lori Alberts, Tami Smith, Billie Joe Smith; special nieces, Vonnice Jo Alberts, Vicki Alberts, Alyssa Alberts, Tanya Lohnes and Lisa Nickelson-Alberts; 30 grandkids, Darsie Ann Longie, Dason Longie, Dru Longie, James Robertson III, Jady Robertson, Bianca Cavanaugh, Avionna Cavanaugh, Joredae Alberts, Jayla Alberts, Jason Alberts Jr, Javon Alberts, Jaylyn Alberts, JayElle Alberts, Sincere Alberts, Noah Black, Jace Alberts, Kashton Alberts, Taya Alberts, Jeremy Alberts Jr, Jordan Alberts, Jax Alberts, Luna Day-Alberts, Jospheh Alberts III, JoLynn Alberts, Kristian Alberts, Tawnya Alberts, Samantha Alberts, Jo-Mike Leftbear, Renea Mosher, Virginia Friday, Marcus Friday and Sophia Friday.

Celebrating the Life of



Joseph C. Alberts Sr.

Little Joe

September 23, 1953 – February 20, 2019

The Day God Called You Home

*God looked around His garden
and He found an empty place.
He then looked down upon His earth,
and saw your tired face.
He put His arms around you
and lifted you to rest.
God's garden must be beautiful,
He always takes the best.
He knew that you were suffering,
He knew you were in pain,*



*He knew that you would never
Get well on earth again.
He saw the road was getting rough,
and the hills were hard to climb.
So He closed your weary eyelids,
and whispered, "Peace be thine".
It broke our hearts to lose you,
but you didn't go alone.
For part of us went with you,
the day God called you home.*



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WAKE & ROSARY

Monday, February 25, 2019

Wake 5:00PM - 7:00PM & Rosary 7:00PM
St. Michael Recreation Center – St. Michael, ND

MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL

Tuesday, February 26, 2019 – 10:00AM
St. Michael Recreation Center – St. Michael, ND

OFFICIATING

Father Paul Schuster

MUSIC

All Drum Groups and Singers are welcome

PALLBEARERS

Joseph Alberts Jr., Jason Alberts Sr., Jeremy Alberts Sr., Dason James Longie,
James Robertson III, Henry Alberts, Brian Alberts, James Alberts Sr.,
Joseph Alberts III, Darcy Longie

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Myra (Frank) Lohnes, Cynthia Alberts, Myra Pearson, Steve Jetty, Brooke Black, Carol Black, Mary Cavanaugh, Marie Martin & Family, Darwin Brown & Family, Jennifer Black, Ann Wadsworth, Darlene Wadsworth & Family, Duane Jackson Sr, Burl McCaslin Jr., Lois Leben & Family, Imogene Belgarde, Whalen & Renita Shaw, Vonnie Alberts, Vicki Alberts, Alyssa Alberts, Lisa Alberts, Breanna Kimmerly, Heather Lawrence, Jessica Tweeton, Cheri Schaffer, Waynita Chaske, Brett Alberts, Frank "Pumpkin" Lohnes, Sally Alberts, Ernestine Herman, Earl Bullhead, Mike & Libby Flowers, Spune & Flo Dunn, Mary Lou Jetty-Fallis & Family, Raymond & Faye Jetty & Family, Scott Jetty, Chuck & Mary Trottier & family, April & Bob St. Pierre, Felicia St. Pierre, Wanda & Darian Trottier, Darren Kimmerly, Anthony Peltier, Dallas & Renita Delorme, Terri Black, Whitney "Best Friend" Leben-Black, Bernadette & Craig Brown, Brenda Belgarde, Luis & Lori Navarrette, Belinda Murphy, Spirit Lake Ambulance, Spirit Lake Fire Department, Fort Totten Police Department and all of Little Joe's many, many Friends and Family.

If we forgot anyone, it was not intentional.

BURIAL

St. Michael Catholic Cemetery – St. Michael, ND

Arrangements by

Evans Funeral Home – Carrington & New Rockford, ND

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