

Troyal Thumb Sr., 30, of Oberon, ND, passed away on Sunday, February 19, 2023 at CHI St. Alexius Health, Carrington, ND.



Troyal Gavin Thumb Sr. was born on April 30, 1992 to Colleen Chaske and Gary Thumb Jr. in Devils Lake, ND. He spent most of his entire life in Spirit Lake, ND. Troyal started his first trucking experience at the age of a month old, when he went to California with his parents.



Troyal started working with his Grandpa Gary Sr.

at a very early age, he was always by his Grandpa side. He graduated from Four Winds High School in 2011, he was on the basketball and football team. He then started driving for Berg Grain & Produce, Fargo, ND. He also worked for the Swingen Construction, Grand Forks, the company rebuilt the old wooden bridge located in Sheyenne, ND. He did love the construction work. His latest job was working as a farm hand for the Haman Ranch, up until he passed away.

Troyal had a big heart, made of gold. He was always willing to help anyone who needed it. He loved his art and crafts, he was very creative. He was an avid deer antler collector. Troyal enjoyed being outdoors, such as, hunting, fishing or just taking walks with his children. He tinkered around on his down time with many of his undone projects, lol.



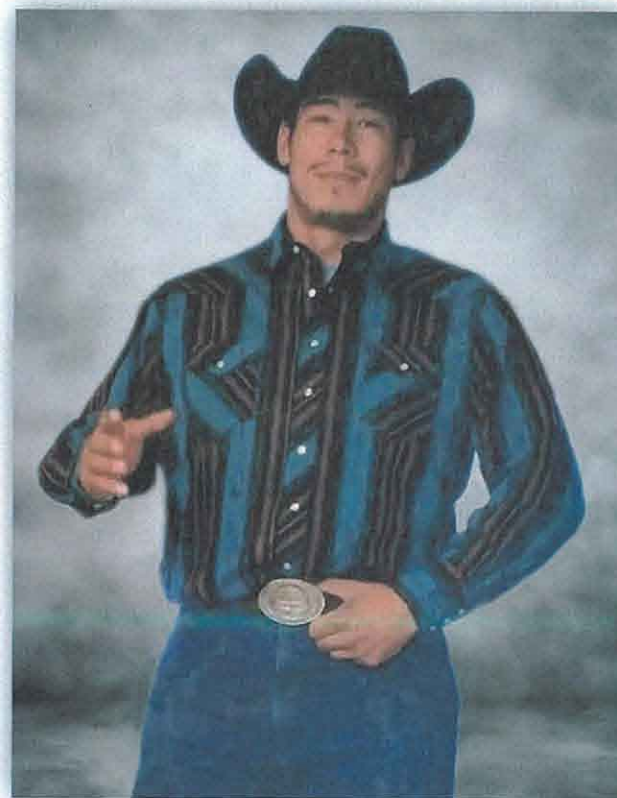
Troyal is survived by his parents, Colleen Chaske and Gary Thumb; siblings, Tanisha Thumb, Tiana Thumb, Taylah Thumb and Rodney Spicer and 4 children he leaves behind, Hailen Thumb, Troyal Thumb Jr., Aspen Thumb and Lathan Thumb. He will be forever loved and greatly missed by his family, relatives, children and all who knew him.



He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Gary & Doris Thumb Sr., Big Joe & Corrine Chaske and Winfield & Evelyn Chaske; sister, Rancee Jo Chaske-Thumb; cousins, Jordan Riggle and Elizabeth Blackboy and all of his many relatives and family who left before him. Troyal has a big family who all love this gentle giant.

*Celebrating*

THE LIFE OF



*Troyal Thumb*

APRIL 30, 1992 – FEBRUARY 19, 2023

Big Heart



Kind & Creative



Handsome Smile



## *To Those I Love and Those Who Love Me*

When I am gone, release me, let me go -  
You have so many things to see and do.  
You mustn't tie yourself to me with tears  
Be happy that we had so many years.

I gave you my love. You can only guess  
How much you gave me in happiness.  
I thank you for the love you all have shown,  
but now it's time I traveled alone.

So grieve awhile for me if grieve you must,  
Then let your grief be comforted by trust.  
It's only for a while that we must part  
So bless the memories within your heart.

I won't be far away, for life goes on  
So, if you need me, call and I will come.  
Though you can't see or touch me, I'll be near,  
And if you listen with your heart, you'll hear  
All of my love around you, soft and clear.

And then, when you must come this way alone,  
I'll greet you with a smile, and say  
"Welcome Home."

-Author unknown

## Cowboy Prayer

Dear Lord, we take a moment from  
Our daily life, aware of all the  
Blessings you have bestowed  
Upon us, to offer a heartfelt prayer  
From a cowboy. We pray, Father, that you shall be with  
Each of the contestants in the arena this day,  
And we pray that you shall take our  
Hand and guide each of us through life's arena.

We don't ask for special favors, Lord.  
We do not seek the calf that runs straight  
Or to shun the steer that won't lay.  
We don't ask to draw around the chute fighting  
Horse, or condemn the ride not bringing pay.  
The challenge of life we welcome and embrace.

As cowboys, we simply pray  
That you help us live our lives  
On this great earth as  
Honest as the day is long and true,  
And the sky is blue.  
And heavenly Father, when it comes  
Time to make our last long ride  
To that heavenly countryside,  
Where grass grows thick and long,  
And the water flows clear and deep,  
That you will greet us at the gate to  
Your kingdom and say



"Welcome to Heaven Cowboy,  
Your entry fees are paid"  
Amen

Celebrating The Life Of

## Troyal Gavin Thumb

**Cante Tankiñyan Hokšina "Big Heart Boy"**

April 30, 1992 – Devils Lake, ND

February 19, 2023 – Carrington, ND

### WAKE & PRAYER SERVICE

Monday, February 27, 2023

Wake 5:00PM ~ Prayer Service 7:00PM

Crow Hill Wellness Center, Fort Totten, ND

### FUNERAL SERVICE

Tuesday, February 28, 2023 ~ 10:00AM

Crow Hill Wellness Center, Fort Totten, ND

### OFFICIATING

Robert Greywater

### MUSIC

All Drum Groups

### PALLBEARERS

Derrick Chaske ~ Bailey Thumb ~ Levi Thumb ~ Tyler Jetty  
Kolby McKay ~ Troy Woods ~ Dulan Longie ~ Jarred Gamel

### HONORARY PALLBEARERS

The Family would like to give a very special Heart felt "Thank You" to Levi Rue & Bobbie Four Winds, Graduating Class of 2011, Tony & Deb LaVallie, Lisa Chaske (Tim), Waylon & Jolleen St. Claire Sr. & Boys & Family, Waynita Chaske & Family, Joey & Mark Robertson, Clinton & Mitchell Hamen, Elvis Thumb (Phaedra), Elvis Thumb Jr., Gabriel Jackson, Donnie Huber, Annie Howard, Mani Medicinestone, Remi Yankton, Dawson DuBois, Tony Eback, David, Kevin & Mark Riggler, Glen & Deidra Poitra, Butch Black, Dean & Sandy Warren, Three Iron Family, Rena (John) Lohnes & Family, Kris White Family, Davie & Joy Davidson Family, Iris Walkingeagle, Padro Garcia & Family, Wilbur Osorto, Duke & Gracie Thumb & Family, DJ & Emma Thumb & Family, Martin Thumb, Stacy Thumb (Jackie) & Family, Tracy Thumb, Sara Renville, Cheyenne, Matt & Mike Eversvik, Ed & Nan Thumb, Nevada, Josh Hustad & Family, Idell Thumb, Danny Butts & Diane Lewis, Millicent Little, Patti Kraft & Family, John & Ramona Chaske & Family, Pete & Harlene Davis & Family, Mary McKay & Family, Caroline (Martin) Chavez & Family, Bernita (Greg) Lonetree & Family, Marlene & Johnnie Davis, Violet Robertson, Audrey Greywater, Louie & Yvonne DuBois & Family, Dayna McLaughlin, Lonnie Gourd & Family, Cherise Robertson, Craig Estenson, Jolene Anderson & Family, Cheryl Lawrence & Family, Alma GoodIron & Family, Joseph & Marnie Lawrence, Carl McKay Jr., Mark & Nate Rue, Waylon Stands III & Family, Dallas & Renita Delorme, Jeremy Dauphinais, Morris & Daisy Azure & Family, Braxton Luger, Leon, Leona Larocque & Family, Pat & Lori Larocque & Family, Patrick Schmid & Family, Donna Christofferson & Family. All of his Oberon Family and his Sheyenne Neighbors, also all the Law Enforcement personal and Medical Responders who took care of Troyal.

The Family apologizes if we forgot to mention anyone, it wasn't intentional.

### BURIAL

St. Jerome's Catholic Cemetery, Fort Totten, ND at a later date

Arrangements by  
Evans Funeral Home – Carrington & New Rockford, ND  
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