

Erich Stephen Longie was born April 29, 1953 to Mercie Jerome and Stephen Longie in Devils Lake, ND. Erich passed away on July 9, 2024 at his home in Fort Totten, ND.

The day my father passed away and my family looked to me to write his obituary, I left my father's home after the ambulance personnel carried him out of his home for the last time and came home. After hours of thinking of my dad and how much I'm going to miss him and I started writing and reading his book he never got to finish. After a long night of writing and reading I went to bed. When I woke up in the morning I was thinking to myself "you know who would tell my dad's story better than me is my dad himself". So, with that being said here is a few lines from his book and we have more chapters printed out at the funeral and hopefully I can finish his book and get everyone copies.

"I was born in Devils Lake, North Dakota, in 1953. During my infant and toddler years, I lived in the East End. The East End was the eastern part of the reservation where my dad grew up. But most of my memories are in Crow Hill, where my mom was born and raised. My mom and my dad separated when I was a toddler. In Crow Hill, we lived in a two-bedroom frame house; part of it was a frame house; part was a log cabin with a porch attached to it. I remember it being warm and cozy. We had a kerosene stove with three burners, which we cooked on. I remember the older kids going to school and wondering where they went.

We explored all the trees and hills within a five-mile radius and played many games to keep us occupied in the evening. We ran around the woods, went to the lake, and swam. I remember my auntie, on my dad's side, stayed with us. We called her Auntie Abu. She inserted a lullaby Dakota word, "Abu," mothers used to sing to their babies when they wanted to sleep. "Abu, Abu... go to sleep..." She slept on the floor behind the kerosene stove because it was warm, and her thakoza (grandchild) would sleep with her. Back then, the adults would talk in Dakota all the time. It was a good life. I didn't have a care in the world.

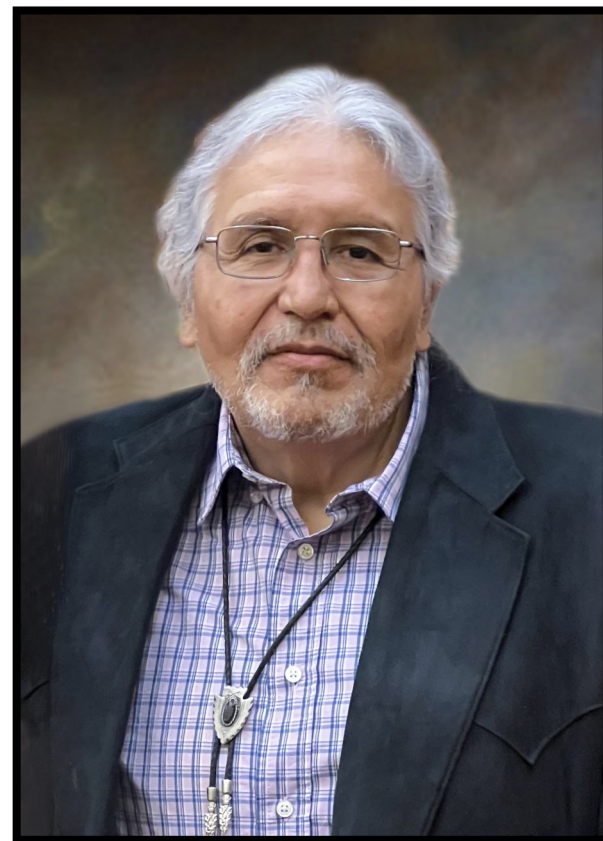
We always had lots of dogs, and they stayed outside no matter how cold it became. My stepdad had built a shelter for them using angle iron from an old iron bed. I tripped and fell right on the edge of the angle iron, and its sharp edge cut a deep gash right next to my nose. The rip became a huge scar that is still noticeable today. We did not run to the clinic when sick or hurt; we just toughed it out."

Erich is survived by his loving wife, Darlene Longie; children: Angie Longie & Children Erica Longie, Angela Young, Dion Young, MorningStar Young, Erich Longie Jr & Children Raelyn Longie, Kyla Longie, Silas Longie, Juneau Longie, Marshall Longie, Marie & Children Ashlynn Jetty, Valerie Longie, Brooklyn Longie, Marshawn Longie, Carter Martin-Longie, Jerrin Martin, Ryan Longie, Cassie & Children Anna Longie, Joel Longie, Aakia Longie; siblings: Corwin Longie, Marshall Pete Longie & Marcella & children, Chris Nelson & Caroline & children, Bernadette Punky Brown & Craig & children and Tom Brown; adopted children: LJ Trotter, Mark Urvand, Dale Alberts, Phillip Alberts, George Alberts, Maurice Alberts, Roger Baker, Justin Kraft and Monte Fassett; step children: Bruce Wallace - LeRoy Wallace - Delano Wallace - Evan Wallace - A'reta Tom.

Revelation 3:8 I know your deeds. See, I have placed before you an open door that no one can shut. I know that you have little strength, yet you have kept my word and have not denied my name.

Celebrating

THE LIFE OF



Erich Longie

APRIL 29, 1953 – JULY 9, 2024



Celebrating The Life Of *Erich Stephen Longie*

April 29, 1953 – Devils Lake, ND

June 9, 2024 – Fort Totten, ND

VISITATION & PRAYER SERVICE

Monday, July 15, 2024

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

Crow Hill Rec. Center, Fort Totten, ND

FUNERAL SERVICE

Tuesday, July 16, 2024

10:00AM

Crow Hill Rec. Center, Fort Totten, ND

OFFICIATING

Pastor Larry Theile

SPECIAL MUSIC

All Drum Groups

PALLBEARERS

LJ Trottier ~ Mark Urvand ~ Dale Alberts ~ Phillip Alberts

Justin Kraft ~ Vincent Hinojos ~ Leroy Wallace

Anthony Longie ~ Darcy Longie ~ Craig Brown Jr.

HONORARY BEARERS

Carol Davis & Isadore Gourneau, Dana Trickey, Tamara St John, Diane Derosier, Donna & Pat Brown, Emerson BullChief, Jeanie Borchert, Brent Hanson, Curt Hanson, Roger “busty” Mckay, Dan Cavanaugh, AnnMarie Demars, Donna WhiteBuffalo, Lili Demarce, Judy Rieke, Arlene Krulish, Tony & Arlene Azure, Tracy Lesperance, Bob & Lois Rainbow, Dave & Diana Young, Denise Lajimodiere, Carty Monette, Loretta Delong, Michelle Lundberg-Tate & family, Rocky Dauphanias, Phillip “skip” Longie & family, Breanne Hinojos, All THPO friends, also all the Counts family that took him in and he took like his family. Erich had many friends and co-workers he has met throughout his life. If we forgot to mention any names, please forgive us. It wasn't intentional, as this is a very difficult and sorrowful time for our family.

MILITARY HONORS

VFW Post #6547, Fort Totten, ND

North Dakota Marine Funeral Honors Team

BURIAL

St. Thomas Episcopal Cemetery, Fort Totten, ND

Arrangements by

Evans Funeral Home – Carrington & New Rockford, ND

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Since You Took My Son

Since you took my son

Early one morning

I want you to treat him

The same as I did.

Make sure he has a new car to drive.

Buy him all new clothes that he likes.

Make sure there are girls that he

Could flirt with. Fill him up with all the

Cheeseburgers and fries that he can eat.

Remember he likes to

Sleep late on weekends.

Then he gets up and watches

All the TV sports shows.

By three he's off to play ball to

Drive around or to fool around.

I'll miss him very, very much.

But I'll miss him a whole lot less

If I know you are treating

Him up there the same way

I treated him down here.

By Erich Longie

In Loving Memory of his son

Joel Mitchell Longie

