

*The moment that you left me,
my heart was split in two;
one side was filled with
memories; the other side
died with you.*



*I often lay awake at night
when the world is fast asleep;
and take a walk down memory lane
with tears upon my cheek.*

*Remembering you is easy,
I do it every day;
but missing you is heartache
that never goes away.*



*I hold you tightly within my heart
and there you will remain;
you see life has gone on
without you, but will
never be the same.*



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FOREVER IN OUR HEARTS

STANLEY JOSEPH JR.

"Sonny"
BLACK WATER

FEBRUARY 10, 1958 - OCTOBER 29, 2021

It is with the greatest sadness and sorrow that we announce the sudden passing of our most beloved Father, loving Grandfather, Brother, uncle, and nephew, Stanley (Sonny) Black Water Jr. Born February 10, 1958. He passed away on October 29, 2021, at the age of 63 years old. Our beloved Stanley Jr leaves behind his precious Daughters Kelly Blue Black Water (Eric), Terry Jane Chaboyer (Kerwin), Shannon Black Water (Jan), Anna Beth (Annie) Black Water, and adopted daughter Marty (Wylie) Gros Ventre Boy, Chantelle McHugh (Jim Reevis). Brother Ross Black Water Sr and sister Delores (Jack) DenHollander, nieces and nephews, Seven and Nikki (Denny) Quesnelle, Harley Gordie Lydia Bruised Head Randell and Lindsey, Robin, Toby, Johnathan DenHollander, Maxwell, Renata and Coy Black Water, Monica Black Water, Crystal, Delory Jr and Jackie Oka, Ross (Joe) Black Water Jr and Jody Black Water, and many more adopted and biological too numerous to name, adopted siblings, Sheryl (Shane) Black Water, Seven (Andrea) Quesnelle, Travis Bill (Shannon) Black Water, Darcy Big Throat, Lavern Big Throat, Cletus (Justine) Big Throat, Curtis Tail Feathers, Karl Quesnelle, Carolyn Twigg, Lorraine Blackwater, Albert (Debbie) Black Water, Geri Twigg, Eugene Blackwater, Jimmy First Rider, Kristen First Rider, and Janis Running Rabbit-Twigg. Aunts Christine (Big Throat) Good Dagger, Veronica (Big Throat) Brewer, and Ada Red Crow, along with his cherished grandchildren Arinelle Mystique Boucher, Kiya Jacqueline Byrde Chaboyer, Ronin Nathan Stanley Zwart, and his adopted grandchildren Michael Isiah Twigg Jr and Debra (Lababy Pearl) McHugh. Godchildren Mark DenHollander, Holly Black Water and Atira Quesnelle. He goes to lovingly join those who predeceased him, his father Stanley Blackwater Sr., Mother Theresa (Big Throat) Black Water, brothers Carl Gordie (Mittens) Blackwater, Harley (Steven) Black Water. Sisters Bernadette Blackwater (John), Brenda (Black Water) Quesnelle, Sandra Blackwater, Aunts Pauline (George) Healy, Donald (Big Throat) Red Crow, and sister in-law Christine (Good Striker) Black Water and Niece Casandra Paulette Black Water, Niece Rae Anne Black Water, adopted daughter Krista Pearl McHugh, and his common-law partner and most recent love of his life Debra Healy. Grandparents Mary Blackwater, Henry Cochrane, Tom Three Persons, and Harry and Clara Big Throat. Uncles Bill Blackwater, Tony Black Water, George Blackwater, Max (Annabelle) Big Throat, and Horace Big Throat. Aunties Myrtle Scout, Bridgette Many Grey Horses, Maryanne Blackwater, Ada Kadanaga, Annie Blackwater, Albertine Plume, Celina (James) Twigg, Pauline Healy, Evelyn (Eugene) Twigg. Born and raised on the Blood Reserve, he received his education at the Stand Off Day School, and at the St. Mary's High School. On November 11, 1971, he left home with Mr. Faulkner and son, who was Stanley's close friend, to Bedford England, where he attended school for Six months and returned home in the Spring of 1972. Upon his return home, he moved to Bow Island and stayed for three years and attended St. Michaels Catholic School, had he remained in England, had he not returned home, he would have eventually moved with the Faulkner family to Australia. He was a very accomplished athlete and was the captain in every sport he took part in. One friend from Bow Island commented "I was the best until stan came". He was known for his work ethic and one of his first jobs was working with his father at Kainai Industries on the Blood Tribe, There after he worked numerous jobs and was well known to be the best in his field, jobs including Alma homes, Triple E construction and Triple M construction in hanger 1 at Lethbridge airport when they took over, until the year 2000 as the lead hand in the flooring department and where he became good friends with management Gerry Regal and Gary Hamilton the production foremen and remained good friends until his passing. He did construction for Treaty 7 Housing in Lethbridge Alberta and was working for Blood Tribe Housing at the time of his passing. Anyone who knew Stan know how much of a rock and roller he was and had a passion for entertaining and stealing the show while making special cameos with other bands and loved to collaborate with other musicians. Stan had his own band titled "Ruckus" that consisted of himself, Jim First Rider, Darcy Big Throat, Ian Wadsworth, Terrell Tail Feathers and Shawn Reevis from 1998 to 2010 he would help other musicians by renting his sound equipment out for gigs. He had a love for travelling and when his oldest daughter Kelly Blue was living in Portland, Oregon he would drive down, usually with Jim First Rider as his "partner in crime" and soak up the scenery and enjoy the trip where he found time to have deep conversations with his first born. He also had the honour of walking his daughter Terry Jane down the isle and giving her away to her husband and said while hugging him "Glad she found you". He also had the great privilege of witnessing both his younger daughters Shannon and Anna Beth graduate from high school and college and there after beginning their future endeavors as adults.

He was extremely proud to have been blessed with his first and only grandson from his admired daughter Shannon, who he was very proud of, to have witness her beat cancer more than once. He absolutely relished in the love of his baby Anna Beth who he encouraged to take after him and leaning to play the guitar, for they both shared the same fascination for music. He was so determined to see her lesson go through, he brought her to every class, purchased her first guitar and would nudge at the idea they would someday form a band. After the passing of his father, Stan continued his father's legacy of cattle ranching and had a herd of cattle that he loved to tend to. Stan was a devoted Catholic and was an extremely friendly, kind, but was also shy and it has been said, that he would have to be spoken to first. He was a very generous man who was always willing to extend a helping hand when needed and known to have a hard time saying no to others when coming to him for help. Stand will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him. He will be remembered for his bright smile and one of a kind hair style, we all know the name for and, his presence will forever be irreplaceable and will live on through the stories, memories and in the hearts of all who knew him, especially his siblings, children and grandchildren. We apologize for any friends or family that may have not been mentioned.

Family Service

Monday, November 8, 2021, at 4:00 PM
Cornerstone Funeral Home
2825 - 32nd Street South, Lethbridge, Alberta

Wake Service

Monday, November 8, 2021, from 7:00 - 10:00 PM
Tanner Centennial Seniors Centre
260 - 1st Street West, Cardston, Alberta

Officiant - Clayton Twigg
Musician - Allan Black Plume

Funeral Mass

St. Mary's Immaculate Conception Catholic Church
Blood Reserve, Alberta

Officiant - Father Pawel Andrasz OMI
Soloist - Christina Fox
Readers - Monica Black Water & Sheryl Black Water

Interment

St. Catherine's Cemetery, Blood Reserve

Pallbearers

Church
Denny Tail Feathers, Gordie Bruised Head, Jan Zwart,
Kerwin Chaboyer, Darryl Three Persons, Wendall Three Persons,
Sheldon Three Persons, Roy Three Persons

Graveside
Eugene Black Water Sr, Terril Tail Feathers, Curtis Tail Feathers,
Jimmy First Rider, Travis Black Water,
Ross Black Water Jr, Ian Wadsworth, Seven Quesnelle.

Honourary Pallbearers

Everyone in attendance today