



*People are often unreasonable and self-centered.  
FORGIVE THEM ANYWAY.*

*If you are kind, people may accuse you of ulterior motives.  
BE KIND ANYWAY.*

*If you are honest, people may cheat you.  
BE HONEST ANYWAY.*

*If you find happiness, people may be jealous.  
BE HAPPY ANYWAY.*

*The good you do today may be forgotten tomorrow.  
DO GOOD.*

*Give the world the best you have and it may never be enough.  
GIVE YOUR BEST ANYWAY.*

*For you see, in the end, it is between YOU and GOD.  
It was never between you and them anyway.*

Mother Teresa of Calcutta

*“Onnistaomaahka” Dominic Alvin Cross Child  
September 2, 1960 — January 4, 2020*

**Wake Service**  
Old Agency Hall | Stand Off, AB  
Friday, January 10, 2020 at 7:00 P.M.

Prayer - Reverend Michael Tipper  
Guest Speakers & Open Mic - Francis First Charger, Shane Little Bear, Joe Spotted Bull and Bruce Wolf Child

**Funeral Service**  
Old Agency Hall | Stand Off, AB  
Saturday, January 11, 2020 at 11:00 A.M.

Ushers - Julius Spear Chief, Roger Hunt Jr. and Martin Heavy Head Jr.  
MC - Travis Plaited Hair  
Entrance Song - Yellow Gun Drummers  
Opening Prayer - Tom Little Bear  
Father of Alvin - Dominic Cross Child Sr.  
Speaker - Martin Heavy Head  
Obituary - Albertine Crow Shoe  
Speaker - Wilton Good Striker  
Eulogy - Lambert Eagle Tail Feathers  
Speaker - Calvin Fox (President of Bus Coop)  
Poem - Sara Little Bear  
Speaker - Winston Day Chief Jr.  
Presentation - Shane Little Bear  
Dedication/Acknowledgements - Alvin's children  
Alvin's Praise Song - Shane & Sherry Little Bear, Calvin Cross Child, Duce Cross Child, Troy Crow Shoe and Casey Provost  
Recessional Song - Yellow Gun Drummers

**Interment**  
One Spot Cemetery  
Prayer - Dale Low Horn  
Drum Group - Yellow Gun Drummers

Pallbearers to Old Agency Hall	Pallbearers to One Spot Cemetery
Louie Hunt - Rope Little Bear	Lane No Runner - Dax Eagle Bear
Todd Cross Child - Lou Cross Child	Cody Eagle Bear - Ryan No Runner
Joshua Crow Shoe - Trent Morning Bull	Tegan Eagle Bear - Nolan Little Bear
JT Crow Shoe - Theoren Spear Chief	Chazz Racine - Dexter Day Chief

**We want to acknowledge all of Alvin's ceremonial family as honorary pallbearers**

**A Feast will follow at Old Agency Hall**

**Dominic Alvin Cross Child Jr.** (Onnistaomaahka), beloved husband of Delia, was called home by the Creator amidst Prayer and Song on Saturday, January 4, 2020 at the age of 59 years.

Alvin was born on September 2, 1960 to Dominic and Dorothy Cross Child (No Runner). He was the third of seven children: Jennifer, Charlotte, Calvin (Paula), Delphine and Sherry (Shane) Little Bear, along with their Kipiitapoka Duce (Becky) Cross Child. He was predominantly raised in the Akaaksamaaksi/Old Agency community of the Blood Reserve amongst his grandparents, uncles, aunts and cousins. Blessed with an idyllic childhood and part of a close extended family, he spent month long encampments at the Sundance, with his cousins where they swam in the rivers, and spent long days horseback riding and explored Old Agency with his brothers Tom, Delvin, Calvin, late Robert and Clayton along with the rest of the North End Boys. Daily ranch work with horses and cattle instilled in him at an early age his excellent work ethic that he carried throughout his lifetime. He was an excellent provider to all.

Alvin married the love of his life, Delia Little Mustache, in 1979. Together for 40 years they built a home and raised their family. He was a proud and loving father to his four beautiful children, Deanne (Casey), Levi (Melissa), Niki and Joely (Troy). A devoted family man, he was extremely proud of his wife’s talent as an artist; building a studio for her, always in awe of the artwork she created. Dressed in his finest, Alvin watched Delia and all of his children walk across the stage to receive their Bachelor’s Degrees; he always stressed the importance of education and proudly shared their academic achievements. He and Delia were loving grandparents to their grandchildren Hayden, Leighton, Chase, Dowsi, Hudson, Alyssa and Landon; especially proud of their two sets of twin grandchildren. Alvin also had many other adopted children that he always talked about who were also very dear to him. Together they created countless memories for their children and grandchildren, most especially at the Sundance camp, as his whole family played a role in the various societies; which was the highlight of his summers. He always stated that the Sundance was his Christmas. Most recently, Alvin spent his last weekend road trip driving his grandsons, Hayden and Chase to their Hockey Tournaments in Fernie. Alvin was always there for family, friends and community, generously sharing his words of advice and wisdom about life, while maintaining the Blackfoot values. His children and grandchildren were the center of his life.

He will be forever missed from his family in Piikani. The loss of Alvin leaves an enormous void in the heart of his family, friends and community.

Alvin began driving school bus in 1980, and since has been a proud member and bus owner within the Blood Reserve School Bus Co-op and was currently serving on the Board of Directors. The school children on his bus lovingly referred to him as ‘Uncle’. Often stopping at the confectionary and buying all his passengers ‘goodies.’ His little friends will miss him immensely. He was a kind and generous man and a protector of children.

At a young age, Alvin undertook his life’s passion of living a spiritual life that included ceremony, family and community; as he took his place as one of the grandfathers to the various societies at the Sundance. Alvin was a valued resource for the schools both on and off the reserve, the healing centers, the post-secondary institutions, and all of the Blackfoot Confederacy. He was known for his knowledge and ability to sing that he carried on from his father and his grandfather. Together with his brothers and friends they joined his father Dominic and formed the drum group, ‘Rocky Lake.’ Together they followed his father in becoming accomplished powwow singers.

Alvin was especially known for his horsemanship, carrying on the legacy of horse racing with his partner and brother, Calvin. His passion was attending horse sales and often purchased winners. Year after year, he tirelessly crisscrossed the country from northern Alberta, into southern California. Winning many races over the years that brought him as far south to Ruidoso Downs in New Mexico and Los Alamitos in California. It was with great pride that those dreams came true. He will be missed by many of his comrades from the Rocky Mountain Turf Club and the Alberta Horse Racing circuit with whom he established close relationships over the years.

Throughout his lifetime, Alvin meticulously attended to what was most important to him—faith, family and work. He lived a very full life.

**Adopted Brothers and Sisters**

Alvin had so many people that were a part of his life. A special mention: he took his nephew, Duce Cross Child, as his little brother. At this time, we want to acknowledge all those people he adopted as brothers and sisters and family. There are too many to mention, and we don't want to leave anyone out. Thank you for being a part of our lives.

**Adopted Children**

- Rope Little Bear
- Louie Hunt
- Makayla Hunt
- Cody Eagle Bear
- Dax Eagle Bear
- Tegan Eagle Bear
- Marlon, Alayna and Payne Many Guns
- Flo & Nellie Whiteman
- Kyson McNeely
- Everette (Cynthia) Wolf Child
- Albert Wolf Child
- Paul Tallman
- Rainy & Dylan Hunt
- Chantelle Crow Shoe
- Cameron Chief Calf
- Lane Little Bear
- Nolan Little Bear
- Lane No Runner
- Rope Tie, Remembrance, Justin and Hance Three Irons

**I'naakotskinaiksi – Young Horns (1990-1994)**

**likaminaaikiiksi (Main holders), Aahpatssiiksi (partners)**

- Roger & Charlene Prairie, Chicken, Franklin Shouting (deceased)
- John & Erma Wolf Child, Albert Hunt
- Kerry Scott, Lorraine Good Striker (deceased), Leonard Many Bears
- Theresa & Francis (deceased) Whiteman Left, Allen Eli
- Norbert & Mary Louise Fox, John Bruised Head
- David & Charlotte Striped Wolf, Daniel Whiteman Left
- Warner & Debbie Many Bears, Boss Racine
- Susan & Chris Strangling Wolf (both deceased), Gilbert Day Rider
- Monica Spear Chief & Les Buckskin (deceased), Albert Black Water
- Alvine Mountain Horse & Narcisse Blood (deceased), Giles Day Chief (deceased)
- Donny Smith, Jocelyn Shade (deceased), Mickey Day Rider (deceased)
- Annie Crying Head, Billy Eagle Bear (deceased), Dwayne Crow Chief
- Barnibus & Shirley Tallman, John Bare Shin Bone
- Rita Day Rider (deceased), John Healy (deceased), Julius Spear Chief
- Lucy & Camille (deceased) Russell, Douglas Black Plume
- Ray Black Plume & Christine Hoof, Ronnie Black Plume
- Pat & Delia Twigg, Sam Day Chief
- Joe & Anna Bull Shoe, George Plaited Hair (deceased)

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- David & Evelyn Striped Wolf, Peter Big Head (deceased)
- Perry & Sylvia Day Chief, Bill Bruised Head
- Martin & Pam Heavy Head, Tom Little Bear
- Delia & Alvin (deceased) Cross Child, Lambert Eagle Tail Feathers
- Delores Standing Alone & Fredrick Weasel Head (deceased), Husky Small Legs
- Brian & Bernice Wadsworth, Sonny Black Plume
- Clinton Crow Chief & Victoria Big Sorrel Horse, Max Medicine Crane

**Ninaamskaikaisi – Thunder Pipe Holders**

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- Roger and Kathy Hunt
- Louie Hunt
- Rope, Shelby and Sara Little Bear
- Autumn Scout
- Leon, Joe and Christie Day Chief
- Blaize Russell
- Lionel and Roxie Weasel Head
- Denny No Runner – Sandra, Alyssa, Gracie and Slade
- Beverley Hungry Wolf
- Jessie and Donna Many Grey Horses
- Jerry and Velma Potts
- Jessie Plain Eagle
- Betty Bastien
- Peeth Bastien
- Fawn Heavy Shields
- Sylvia and Chris Weasel Head
- Ronnie LeDuke
- Charlie Russell
- Winston and Renee Day Chief
- Lisa, Wendy, Reba, Jerrah, Warren, Isaiah, and Joseph Day Chief
- Jim and Marie McNeely
- Whitney and Cason McNeely
- John and Carol Murray
- Marvin and Missy Weatherwax
- Norbert and Mary Louise Fox
- Sky and Raymee Many Grey Horses
- John McDougall, Lisa Crow Shoe, Shawnee Price, Lance McDougall
- Herman Yellow Old Woman

**Ninaamskaikaisi Drummers/Singers**

- Shane Little Bear
- Patrick Black Plume
- Cameron Chief Calf
- Les Wolf Child
- Godfrey Red Crow
- Jim Strikes With A Gun
- Jim Plume

We apologize if we've missed any names.