



# Remembering *Kami K.* With Great Love

**A Penguin story**  
 Once there was a penguin and had no mother and father and the penguin was just talking to his friend's and his mother's name are Ashley and his father's name is Fred and they died because a boy came from Minnesota and went to the Antarctica and killed the penguins. His aunt named the baby penguin Willie and it was a boy and he had to stay with his aunt and she had to hunt for krill for Willie and Auntie's kid to and his name is Manuel but they call him stripey and the Willie's Antie's name is Cristy and his grandma's name is Crystal and his grandpa's name is Jimmy and after a while when Willie was playing, with manuel he got tired of walking around and cristy said i love you willie and manuel and then she said did you ever see one of those bird's that ate one of my baby penguin's and her name was amy and then cristy said it's time for you to go lay downand willie was so happy and they lived happily ever after.

story told by. KAMI BIRDHORSE



### *Remembering the life of...*

Our sister, Kami Kay BirdHorse, left us for the Spirit World on August 20, 2023 at her sister Erica Philbrick-Shaw's house. She was born in Grand Forks, North Dakota the 3<sup>rd</sup> sibling of the late Kermit BirdHorse and late Monica Owlboy (BirdHorse) Thompson on May 2, 1985.

She began her earthly journey on May 2, 1985. She attended Four Winds Elementary School, graduated 8<sup>th</sup> grade from Pierre iNdiAN Learning Center in 1999 and graduated from Four Winds High School in 2003 and then attended Cankdeska Cikana Community College for a year. She participated in the NYS Program and worked for a time as a Blackjack dealer at the Spirit Lake Casino.

Kami then met Jody Gaking in 2004 and they then became the proud parents of a beautiful baby girl in January 2006 and named her Kayonica Lee BirdHorse. Unfortunately due to a heart condition, she left this world at 5 months old.

Kami then met Daylon White Sr, in August of 2006 and to this union they had a beautiful daughter named Kaylynn Karessa White who was born in June 2008 and then a handsome son named Daylon White Jr. in December 2009.

Kami then met the love of her life in 2017, Joseph Kihne who treated her like a Queen.

Kami enjoyed spending time with her 2 children who were her pride and joy. In her younger years she traveled to many pow-wows as a Traditional Dancer. She spent 3 years living in Sisseton, South Dakota with our Mom and siblings with stepdad Jimmy Philbrick and spent most of her time with younger sister Kelli at Grandpa Lawrence Philbrick's home. Later moved back to St. Michael's with her mother and siblings. Kami loved time with family and was always the "Bingo Caller" at family get-togethers.

She enjoyed cruising around-jamming to music with friends-loved going to cook-outs-spending time with family. Whenever a family member or friend needed help-she was always there to help no matter what the situation was. No was never a word you would hear from her.

Kami is survived by her daughter Kaylynn White; son Daylon White Jr.; father of her kids Daylon White Sr.; special friend Joseph Kihne AKA "The Babe"; sisters Erica (Alan Little) Philbrick-Shaw, Kelli BirdHorse and Danielle (Marcus Robertson) Owlboy; brothers Wesley BirdHorse Sr.; adopted son Alvin Whiteshield Sr.; nieces KayLynnzah BirdHorse, Shila Knutson, MarihLyn BirdHorse, KaLohni BirdHorse, Aliyah Whiteshield, Nicole Whiteshield and Kayonna Whiteshield; nephews Princeton (Samantha End of Horn) Philbrick-Ironroad, Merlyn Knutson, Kellen Knutson, SJ Knutson, Hansome BirdHorse, Wesley BirdHorse Jr., Weston BirdHorse, Alvin Whiteshield Jr., Jayden Cook, and Malik Longie; grandmothers Lillie Owlboy, Joyce Belgarde, Imogene Belgarde, Joanne Belgarde, Arlene Belgarde and Audrey Belgarde; grandfather Larry Belgarde; aunts Cheryl Belgarde, Bonnie Owlboy and Chepa Owlboy; uncles Francis Owlboy Jr., Lonnie Owlboy, Lorman Owlboy Sr., Peter Owlboy Sr., Philip BirdHorse Sr., Reno WhiteDress, Todd (Sheila) Belgarde, Leslie "Beaver" WhiteDress and Elton DuMarce; adopted sisters Jade Philbrick, Racann Jerome and Jodee Touche; adopted brothers Alan Little, Lance Young and Gary Owlboy; godmother Lisa Owlboy; She was preceded in death by her parents Kermit and Monica, stepdad Bradley Thompson, daughter Kayonica Lee, sisters Brittney Whiteshield-Owlboy, Felicia Owlboy and Delia Whiteman, niece Heaven Lee BirdHorse, grandparents Francis Owlboy Sr., Robert and Alice BirdHorse and Hermenia Belgarde, special aunt Stacy Driver and aunts Belva Greyhorn and Roberta BirdHorse Yellow, godfather Alvin Owlboy Sr.





#### WHEN I AM GONE

To those I have loved and to those who loved me.  
When I am gone, release me, let go.  
I 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 to me in happiness.  
I thank you for the love you each have shown,  
but now it's time I traveled on alone.  
So grieve a while for me if you must,  
then let your grief be comforted by trust.  
It's only for a while that we must part,  
so keep 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 welcome you home.

**In tears we saw you sinking and  
watched you fade away.  
Our hearts were really breaking  
but we could not make you stay.  
God watched you as you suffered,  
He knew you had you share.  
He tenderly closed your weary eyes  
and took you in His care.  
But when we saw you sleeping  
peacefully free from pain.  
We could not wish you back  
to suffer that again.  
Our hearts still ache with sadness  
and the secret tears still flow.  
What it meant to lose you  
only God will ever know.  
To the place of rest we wander  
where we say a little prayer.  
No one knows the heartache  
as we turn and leave you there.**

## **HONORARY BEARERS**

All the BirdHorse Family in South Dakota

Jimmy Philbrick ~ BJ Philbrick

Bud and Renita Shaw ~ Gary Owlboy

Roberta Littleghost ~ Helena Littleghost

Geneva BigTrack and MyLynn BigTrack

Norman BlackBird ~ Thomas Kihne ~ Howard Miller

Patrick Hardhart ~ Marlin Little

Jodawn Philbrick and the Girls ~ Mary Roberson and Family

Chris Geske ~ Kyle Belgarde

Larry Thiele ~ Cowboy Thompson

Robert Little III (Bobby) ~ Buttons and Myron Harrison

Sherry Thompson and Family ~ Brenda Jackson

Bunz Jackson ~ Mary and Derrick Jackson

JR Gunshows ~ Cindy Thompson ~ Trudy Iceman

Lonnie Owlboy ~ Renita Greybear and Family

Colleen Alberts ~ Tami Smith ~ Kara Longie

Kristi Thompson ~ Glen Abraham ~ Sonia Longie

Ashley Lenior ~ Ron Yellow Jr. ~ Robbie Yellow and Family

Spune and Flo Dunn ~ Tony Philbrick and Family

Gloria Redroad ~ Tyson King

Yoland and Pedro Meryes and Family ~ Lois and Keith Leben

Peter Owlboy Jr. and Family ~ Scott Leben

Phaedra, Pandora and Eileen Jackson

Robert (Bobby Boy) Strong ~Paulette Driver

Rob Herman and Family ~ Mel and Tick Dunn and Family

Jeff Schempp ~ JT Thompson ~ Amanda Jerome

Thompson and Harrison Families

Silas (Duke) Cavanaugh ~ Jackie Yankton

Sheila Thompson and Family ~ Melinda Whiteman

Kami had many dear friends and family and if we forgot to name someone it was not intentional. She loved you all.

*Forever Loved, Forever In Our Hearts  
Our Precious Soul Mate, Mother, Sister,  
Granddaughter, Niece, Aunt, Cousin and Dear Friend*

*Kami Kay BirdHorse*

### **HER SUNRISE**

*Thursday, May 2, 1985*

*Grand Forks, North Dakota*

### **HER SUNSET**

*Sunday, August 20, 2023*

*Fort Totten, North Dakota*

### **WAKE AND PRAYER SERVICE**

*St. Michael's Recreation Center*

*St. Michael, North Dakota*

*Sunday, August 27, 2023 beginning at 4:00 p.m.*

*Prayer Service and Time of Remembrance at 7:00 p.m.*

### **FUNERAL SERVICE**

*St. Michael's Recreation Center*

*Monday, August 28, 2023 ~ 10:00 a.m.*

### **OFFICIANTS**

*Reverend Larry Thiele and Reverend Paul Schuster*

### **SPECIAL MUSIC**

*Lake Region Singers ~ Dakota Outlaws*

*Kris White ~ Leland BullHead ~ Chad Driver*

*All Drum Groups and Singers are welcome to  
share their music in memory of Kami*

### **ACTIVE PALLBEARERS**

*Wesley BirdHorse Sr. ~ Joseph Kihne ~ Desmond Driver Sr.*

*Jade Philbrick ~ Jodee Touche ~ Raeann Jerome*

*Chepa Owlboy ~ Daylon White Jr. ~ Fred Ducheneaux*

*Princeton Philbrick-Ironroad ~ Merlyn Knutson ~ Alan Little*

*Leland BullHead ~ Beaver WhiteDress ~ Marcus Robertson*

### **LAID TO PEACEFUL REST**

*Long Hill Cemetery*

*Wakpala, South Dakota*