



*Forever Loved, Forever In Our Hearts
Our Dear Merle*

*Loving Husband, Dad, Brother, Uncle,
Grandfather, Cousin, Friend*

Merle Dean Whitetail

MADE HIS EARTHLY JOURNEY

Tuesday, May 28, 1968

Devils Lake, North Dakota

MADE HIS SPIRITUAL JOURNEY

Friday, September 22, 2023

Devils Lake, North Dakota

WAKE AND PRAYER SERVICE

Fort Totten Wellness Center

Fort Totten, North Dakota

Monday, October 2, 2023 ~ 7:00 P.M.

FUNERAL SERVICE

Fort Totten Wellness Center

Fort Totten, North Dakota

Tuesday, October 3, 2023 ~ 10:00 a.m.

OFFICIANT

Reverend Antony Samy

Pastor, Seven Dolors Catholic Church

SINGERS AND DRUM GROUPS

Roger IronShield and Kris White

All Drummers and Singers are welcome

to share their songs in memory of Merle

ACTIVE PALLBEARERS

Ivan TwoHearts ~ Anthony Martinez

Sue Hem ~ Dorvan McKay

Quentin B. Whiteman Jr.

Daelynn Pacheco

Derrick Charboneau ~ Mark Demarce

LAID TO PEACEFUL REST

Lighthouse Assembly of God Cemetery

Fort Totten, North Dakota

FOR DAD

Lord, thank you for lending our Dad to us.

For us to love the while he lived

And mourn for now he's gone.

But Lord, for all the joy that he has brought

The risk of grief we'll run.

We loved him while we may,

And for the happiness we've known,

We are grateful for his stay.

But now the angles have called for him

Much sooner than we've planned.

We'll brave the bitter grief that comes

And try to understand.

We'll know he's resting peacefully

And in Heaven with family he'll be.

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

*Dr. Francisco Tello
Jamestown Dialysis Staff*

Dr. Vaagan

Nurse Sue

MHA

Spirit Lake Tribal Health CHR Drivers

Alora Fox

David Sherman

Sam McKay

Fred Longie

Peggy Cavanaugh

Ambrose Lawrence and Family

Roger IronShield and Family

Darren DeMarce and Family

Carmen Littelwind and Family

Refuse Control Staff

Families of the Spirit Lake Tribe

Families of MHA Tribes

Too many to list but loved by Merle.

Remembering the beautiful life of....

Merle Dean Whitetail, age 55, made his journey to the spirit world September 22, 2023, at CHI Altru Hospital, Devils Lake, ND. He is the youngest son of Sanford Whitetail, Sr. and Florence "Rita" Dunn-Whitetail born on May 28, 1968. He grew up in Fort Totten, ND, attended elementary school then graduated from Four Winds High School in 1987. From then on worked at various places such as DTI, SMC, Four Winds School as a bus driver, and Spirit Lake Refuse Control where he had to cut his work career short due to health issues.

Merle met the love of his life, Maria Iron Shield, in 1996 and they were united in marriage in 2001. He was a loving husband, father, brother, uncle, grandfather, and cousin to an extended family. He loved his family with all his heart and treasured every moment spent with them. He was a very kindhearted man, a gentle and loving man. He will be missed, and his memories will live on in our hearts.

He is survived by his wife Maria, his daughters: Christina (Sue) Whitetail, Brittany (Anthony) Whitetail, Ivana Whitetail, and Florence Whitetail. Son, Ivan (Alora) Twohearts. Grandkids: Ayana, Riley, Kailyn, Kyrie, and Zayden. Brothers: Martin Whitetail, Sr., Mori Whitetail, Sr., Brian Whitetail and Richard Whitetail. Sister: Lori Faye (Mark) Whitetail. Cousins: Arnie Whitetail, Nelson Whitetail, Donna Poitra, Debbie Dickens, Gary Dickens, Diane Poitra, Dovita Cavanaugh, Adline Rush, Glenise Bearstail, Mylo Spotted Horse, Travis Spotted Horse, Joe Whitetail Eagle, Fred Poitra, Alberta (Ted) Dunn, Alfreda (Bob) Charboneau, Calvin (Loita) Dunn, Maynard Dunn, Tayron (Anna) Dunn, Colleen Alberts, Catalina (Terry) Herman, John Whiteman, Sr., Cora Whiteman, Quentin Bruce Whiteman, Jr., Milo B. Whitetail, Sr., Emerald (Matt) Robertson, Cornell (Agnes) Good Thunder, Willis Whiteman, Jr., Marlon Whiteman, Annette Pacheco, Carol Whiteman, and Donna Corbine. Uncle Kenneth (Flo) Dunn. Kuni's: Pauline Myrick, Ramona Leftbear, Bonnie Leftbear, and Helena Littleghost.

Welcoming Merle home are his parents, Sanford and Rita; brothers, Curtis Youngbear, Sanford Jr., and sister Brenda Whitetail; a grandson Keyden Whitetail and granddaughter Mya DeMarrias; maternal grandparents, Martin and Josephine (Ross) Dunn, paternal grandparents Winnie Spottedhorse, David Whitetail and many relatives.

