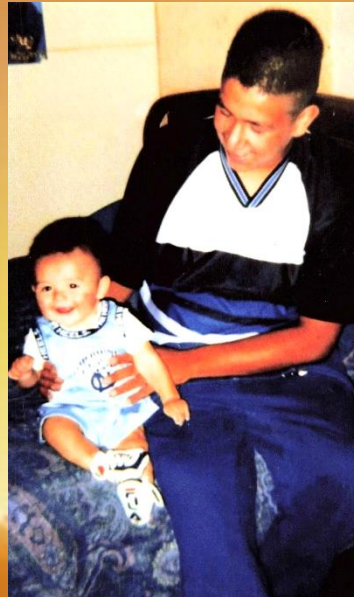
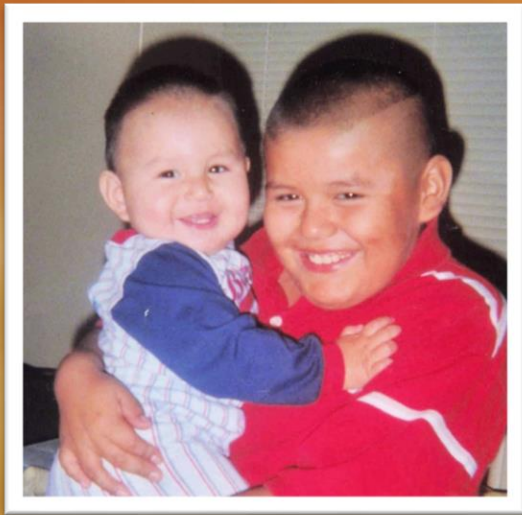


# In Loving Memory



## 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.

*Durrell Kea*  
*"Good Hearted Boy"*



Jan. 2, 1998  
Durrell Keith Keo Friday



### Gone From Us

Gone from us that smiling face,  
The cheerful pleasant ways,  
The heart that won so many friends,  
In bygone, happy days.

A life made beautiful by kindly deeds,  
A helping hand for others' needs.  
To a beautiful life comes a happy end,  
He died as he lived, everyone's friend.

### THOSE WHO WERE BLESSED TO SHARE HIS LIFE

Durrell's loving family include his Mother Londa Keo; Brother Keenan Keo; Sister Keemya Keo; Girlfriend Shayleigh McKay; Aunts Charris Thomas, Tonda Shaw, Rhonda Stevens, Kellye Sojka, Wanda Littleghost, Bobbie Littleghost, Bobbiette Littleghost, Trena Littleghost, Angie Robertson, Lisa Feather, Geneva Feather Rena Lohnes, Darion Thomas, Triston Thomas, Leigh Nestell, Nicole Archambault, Rose San Miguel and special aunts Krista Wewenes, Kayla Youngbear and Jerilyn Youngbear; Uncles Chadd Keo Sr., Clinton Keo, Mitchell Keo, Robert Littleghost Jr., Rustin Iceman, Wayne Littleghost, Richard DeMarce Jr., Robert Little, Michael Little, Joseph Little, Alan Little, Byron Littleghost, Sean Griffin, Patrick Griffin Jr., Nolan Griffin, Michael Griffin, Jerry Griffin Jr., Angel Najar and special uncles Tyson Whitetail, Alton Nestell Sr. and Jonn Bowker; cousins Danica Rough, Deshaundra Rough, Daniel Rough Jr., Jaeciona Meade, Jasmine Meade, Kara Shaw, Keisha Shaw, Karen Lambert, Kaylene Lambert, Rainell Hobson, Ebonie Hobson, Kaleigh Littleghost, Kayden Littleghost, Nikayla Littleghost, Justice Corbesia, Mitchell Keo Jr., Chael Keo, Malik Keo, Lorraine Keo, Lamira Keo, Julian DeMarce, Kale DeMarce, Kyra Keo, Connor Keo, Canisha Keo, Clayton Keo, Chad Keo Jr., Dequan Keo, Misty Keo, Hailee Keo, Cheryl Keo, Kellen Keo, Brandon Keo, Cyrus Keo, Cedric Keo, Clint Keo Jr., Taylor Nestell, Kalen Nestell, Kobe Nestell, Winona Nestell, Wade Nestell Jr., Leyton Nestell, Alton Nestell Jr., Arnell Nestell, Daniel Nestell, Nate Nestell, Sincere Nestell, Brandi Robertson, Mattie Robertson, Chandley Lightning, Chandler Lightning, Channing Lightning, Natalie Littleghost, Asia Littleghost, Hasley Littleghost, Mark Fassett Jr., Vincent Shaw, Chase Shaw, Myron Lambert Jr., Jalen Kingbird, Nupa Littleghost Jr., Jorge Flores, William Garcia, Duane Mudgett Jr., Easton Littleghost, Taylen Littleghost, Ryder Littleghost, Brayden Thomas and Elias Thomas; great grandmothers Helena Littleghost and Cora Iceman; Grandmothers Bernadine Littlewind, Joyce Youngbear, Wanda Thomas, Marilyn Thomas, Cindy Thomas, Anna Thomas, Maureen Keo, Doreen Keo, Trudy Iceman, Marcella Green, Arliss Krulish, Arlene Krulish, Roberta Littleghost, Bonita Littleghost; Grandpas Dennis Keo, Rudy Keo, Ronald Keo, Adrian Thomas Sr., Richard Littleghost, Darren Iceman Sr., Delmar Iceman, Raynard Iceman; many nieces and nephews who were so special to him.

He was preceded in death by his beloved Dad, Duane, grandparents and great grandparents Robert Littleghost Sr., Cheryl Keo, Milton Thomas, Casey Thomas, Richard Thomas Jr., Keith Keo, Timothy Keo, Rodney Littleghost, Frances Littleghost, Byron Littleghost, Winifred Thomas, Richard "Boke" Thomas Sr., Sandra Littleghost, Lisa Littleghost, Eva Littleghost, Carla Littleghost, Aileen Wahwassuck, Larry Littlewind, Manuel Littlewind, Maynard Littlewind, Stacy Littlewind, Delvin Littlewind, Lawrence Littlewind Sr., Larry Littlewind Jr., and Jack Keo, uncles David Keo and Kendell Youngbear, cousins Mary BigTrack, Wesley BigTrack Jr., Keveon Feather, Nino Mendez and Matisha Lynn Fassett.

## REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF...

Durell Keith Keo was born January 2, 1998, in Devils Lake, ND, the son of Londa (Littleghost) Keo and the late Duane Keo. He was raised in Crow Hill, rural Fort Totten, ND. Durell attended Oberon Public School, pre-K through the 4<sup>th</sup> grade. After the 4<sup>th</sup> grade he then transferred to Four Winds. Durell was in various sports. He played football on the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade team for the Four Winds Indians. His favorite sport was basketball. When he was a small boy, he always had a basketball with him. His favorite basketball team was the LA Lakers, and his favorite basketball player was Lebron James.

He loved basketball... He would then start playing basketball, when he was in the 5<sup>th</sup> grade, playing for the Woodlake Traveling Team. They would travel around the state and out-of-state, playing against other teams. As he entered Four Winds High School, he continued with playing basketball with the Four Winds-Minnewaukan Indians. They successfully made it to the State Tournament, where they became State Champions in 2016.

Durell followed in his Dad's footsteps, who was a State Champion in wrestling. His little brother followed Durell's footsteps with the support of Durell's encouraging words and Durell being his biggest role model when his little brother went to state. Durell was very proud of his little brother.

His favorite pastime was always to go the "Rec" with his brother Keenan to work out and play 5 on 5 or the game "thirty-one" with friends and family. He loved playing NBA2K with his brother and Fortnite with his little sister. He also recently loved going to the Casino to play the slot machines.

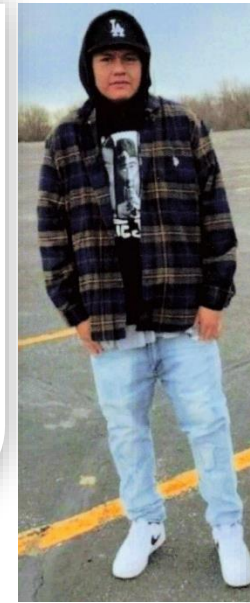
After the passing of his Dad, Durell stepped up to help his Mom. He was always there to help her with taking his brother and sister to school. He always made sure the year was clean, without asking, he would be out there mowing the grass, always helping around the house. Durell always made sure that his little brother, sister and Mom were okay.

Durell was a very kind-hearted person with a good heart, like his grandma the late Cheryl Thomas-Keo. He always had a smile on his face, wherever you saw him. He was a very friendly, kind, caring, person. He loved everyone with all his heart. No matter where he was, he always made time to help with family and friends.

Durell came from a big family, whom he loved with all his heart. His favorite grandmothers in his life were Joyce Youngbear, Marilyn Thomas, Wanda Thomas and Bernadine Littlewind.

In the beginning of 2023, Durell met the love of his life, his girlfriend Shayleigh McKay. They grew to love each other, and he was the happiest we'd seen him. As a family we were happy to know he was loved and in a loving relationship for the last months of his young life.

Durell will be missed by all-but will never be forgotten.



*Beautiful Souls  
leave lasting memories  
in the hearts of those they touched.*



## HONORARY BEARERS

*The Four Winds Basketball Coaches  
Rick Smith, Oliver Gourd Jr., Dennis Smith  
And teammates from the 2016 State Championship Team*

*Crystal McKay and Family*

*Steven RedFox and Family*

*Owen and Denise McKay and family*

*Brandon Alberts ~ Loren Greybear Sr. ~ Lathan Chaske*

*Trevor Yankton ~ Raphael Barragan ~ Benjamin Barragan*

*Bud and Renita Shaw ~ Geneva Feather and Family*

*Gaylene Ironhawk ~ Marvin VanDorn ~ Kyana Feather*

*Lisa Feather and Family ~ Clarice and Josie Lawrence*

*Brenda Jackson ~ Darla Thiele ~ Valerie Yankton*

*The Blueshield Sisters and their Families*

*Marva Tollefson and Family ~ The Buck Elk Family*

*Yvonne Dubois ~ Carmen Littlewind ~ Peter Owlboy Sr.*

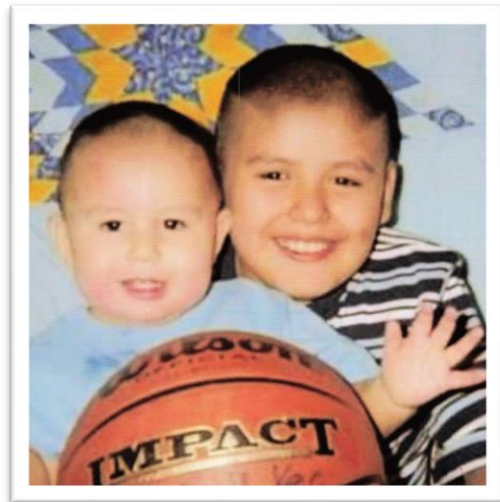
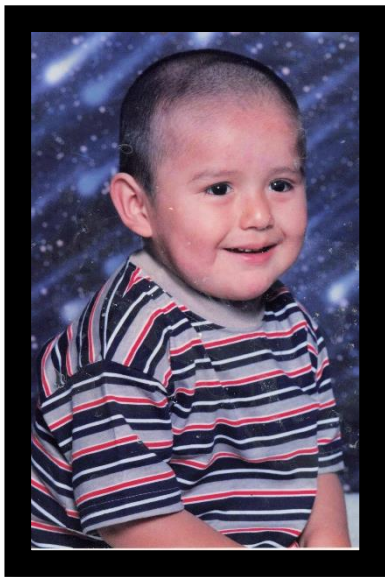
*Bonnie and Lillie Owlboy ~ Myra Pearson and Family*

*Vanessa and Mark Littleghost ~ Joey Robertson*

*Jaylan LaRock and Family ~ Tronis McKay and Family*

*All of Durell's Dear Friend and Relatives. He loved you all!*

*If we forgot to name anyone it was not intentional. Please  
forgive us as we make our way through this journey of grief.*



*Forever Loved, Forever In Our Hearts  
Our Precious Son, Brother, Grandson,  
Nephew, Cousin, Uncle, Teammate, Friend to Many*

## *Durell Keith Kea Canté Wasté Hoksina "Good Hearted Boy"*

### HIS SUNRISE

*Friday, January 2, 1998*

*Devils Lake, North Dakota*

### HIS SUNSET

*Sunday, September 3, 2023*

*Rural St. Michael, North Dakota*

### WAKE AND PRAYER SERVICE

*Crow Hill Wellness Center*

*Rural Fort Totten, North Dakota*

*Sunday, September 10, 2023 beginning at 5:00 p.m.  
Prayer Service and Time of Remembrance at 7:00 p.m.*

### FUNERAL SERVICE

*Crow Hill Wellness Center*

*Monday, September 11, 2023 ~ 10:00 a.m.*

### OFFICIANT

*Reverend Larry Thiele*

### SPECIAL MUSIC

*Cuthead Drum Group*

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

### ACTIVE PALLBEARERS

*Keenan Keo ~ Kellen Keo ~ Jore Thomas*

*Alton Nestell Sr. ~ Mark Fassett Jr. ~ Jalen Kingbird*

*Gionni Robertson ~ Tyson Whitetail ~ Myron Lambert Jr.*

*Jaylen LaRock ~ Taylor Nestell*

### LAID TO PEACEFUL REST

*St. Jerome's Cemetery*

*Crow Hill, rural Fort Totten, North Dakota*