

Valarion Lawrence Finley was born on April 1, 1973, to Marcia White Eagle and Robert Finley, Sr., in Dickinson, ND. Valarion was a member of the chicken clan. Valarion departed this life at the McKenzie County Medical Center, Watford City, ND on Sunday, January 20, 2013.

Val grew up in the Mandaree area where he attended elementary and high school. He received his high school diploma from the Mandaree Public School.

Val held various positions at the Four Bear Casino and Lodge for many years.

Val enjoyed time with his family and friends, especially his young nephew, Walter, Jr., who he spent many weekends with playing games and watching movies.

Small Horn's hobbies were collecting comic books, playing cards and gambling at the casino.

Val is survived by: his mother, Marcia White Eagle, Mandaree, ND; his father, Robert Finley, Sr., Mandaree, ND; his sisters, Judith (Virgil, Sr.) Wilkinson, White Shield, ND, Lisa (Walter, Sr.) DeVille and Roberta White Eagle (Wilbur, Sr.) both of Mandaree, ND; his nieces, Julia White Eagle, Sparta, MO, Marea DeVille and Megan Hunts Along both of Mandaree, ND, Molly Wilkinson, White Shield, ND; his nephews, Michael DeVille, Thomas DeVille, Jason DeVille, and Wilbur Hunts Along, Jr. all of Mandaree, ND, Virgil Wilkinson and Julian Wilkinson both of White Shield, ND; his aunts, Bonita Fimbres and Mary Finley (Santos) both of Mandaree, ND, Gloria (George) Fast Dog, New Town, ND and Mable Charging, Watford City, ND; his special aunt, Emma White Owl, Mandaree, ND; his uncles, Evan Finley, Sr., New Town, ND, Edward Flys Away, Mandaree, ND, David (Doreen) Charging, Mandaree, ND, Reginald Charging, Harvey (Charlene) Charging of Ft. Washiki, WY, and Macroy Charging, New Town, ND; grandmothers, Martha Baker, New Town, ND, Geraldyn Van Dyke, New Town, ND, and Rita Hawk, Watford City, ND.

Val is preceded in death by: maternal grandparents, Thomas and Julia (Mandan-Charging) White Eagle; paternal grandparents, Evan and Louise (Black Hawk-Huber) Finley, Sr.; aunts, Judith Ann White Eagle and Laverne Charging- Brady; brother, Arnold Finley; nephew Baby DeVille; uncles, Gerald Finley, Valentine Finley, Sr., Valarion Finley, Leon Charging and Jerry Charging; special aunt, Nancy White Owl; special uncle, Ygnacio Fimbres.

In Loving Memory Of
Valarion "Val" Finley
Aah-shii-Garishda
"Small Horn"



April 1, 1973 -- January 20, 2013

*When I Must Leave You
 I must leave you
 for a little while
 Please do not grieve
 and shed wild tears.
 And hug your sorrow to you
 through the years,
 But start out bravely
 with a gallant smile-
 For my sake and in my name
 live on and do all things the
 same,
 Feed not your loneliness
 on empty days,
 But fill each waking hour
 in useful ways,
 Reach out your hand
 in comfort and in cheer
 And I in turn will comfort you
 and hold you near;
 And never, never
 be afraid to die,
 For I am waiting for you
 in the sky!*

Helen Steiner Rice



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Born

April 1, 1973 Dickinson, ND

Died

January 20, 2013 Watford City, ND

Wake Services

5:00 P.M., Sunday, January 27, 2013

Water Chief Hall Mandaree, ND

Funeral Mass

11:00 A.M., Monday, January 28, 2013

Water Chief Hall Mandaree, ND

Officiating

Father Paul Eberle

Senior Pallbearer

Wanda Sheppard

Music

Gerald Hale Dan Hunts Along

Wilbur Hunts Along, Sr. Everyone is Welcome

Active Pallbearers

Dale Charging

Thomas DeVille

Dennis Fimbres

Reginald Charging

Kevin Finley

Robert Fimbres

Dean Bear

Jason DeVille

Michael DeVille

Edward Finley

Honorary Pallbearers

Jason White Owl Twila White Owl Ricky Finley

Claudia White Owl Tina Hawkins Robbin Standish

Matthew & Val Marie Yellow Wolf

Jose LaPlant Derreck Baer

KDU Staff: Jenna Snyder,

Josie Bingen and Carisa Croslin

Interment

Congregational Cemetery

Independence, North Dakota



*You may share your remembrances and condolences with
 the family at the Fulkerson Funeral Home website*

www.fulkersons.com



I Know You'll Miss This Man

The Lord spoke to the heavy hearts that stood with hats in hand,
"Your sadness pains me deeply and I know you'll miss this man
But it's true what you've been hearing. Heaven is a real place.
That's no small consolation. You should use that fact to face.

The emptiness his parting left that seeps into your bones
And draw on it to ease your pain. For he is not alone.
You see, all his friends are up here and all his loved ones, too,
'Cause it wouldn't be a heaven without each one of you.

I can promise you he's happy, though I know you can't pretend
You're glad he made the journey. It's too hard to comprehend.

The earthly way you look at things can never satisfy
Your lack of understanding for the answer to the "Why?"

So I offer this small comfort to put your grief to rest
And I know it might seem selfish to friends and next of kin
But I needed one more man and he fit right in."





SAFELY HOME
 I am home in Heaven, dear ones;
 Oh, so happy and so bright!
 There is perfect joy and beauty
 In this everlasting light.

All the pain and grief is over,
 Ever restless tossing passed;
 I am now at peace forever,
 Safely home in Heaven at last.

Did you wonder I so calmly
 Trod the valley of the shade?
 Oh! But Jesus' love illumined
 Every dark and fearful glade.

And He came Himself to meet me
 In that way so hard to tread;
 And with Jesus' arm to lean on,
 Could I have no doubt or dread?

Then you must not grieve so sorely,
 For I love you dearly still:
 Try to look beyond earth's shadows,
 Pray to trust our Father's will.

There is work still waiting for you,
 So you must not idly stand;
 Do it now, while life remaineth—
 You shall rest in Jesus' land.

When that work is all completed,
 He will gently call you Home;
 Oh, the rapture of that meeting,
 Oh the joy to see you come!

