

Alfred Rattling Leaf

Alfred Robert Rattling Leaf was born on February 10, 1928 at home 7 miles south east of Horse Creek to Moses and Lucy (Six Shooter) Rattling Leaf. Alfred attended Horse Creek Day School until eighth grade.

Alfred joined the US Army in 1947. While in the military, he was a drill Sargent and trained many men, including one of the actors from the TV show Bonanza. He was also in the Korean war and while overseas he reenlisted. He was Honorably discharged in 1963.

After his discharge, he returned home and married the love of his life Lucille Broncho Bill and made their home in lower Horse Creek. They never had any children of their own but were parents to many, many dogs and always looked after his nephews and nieces.

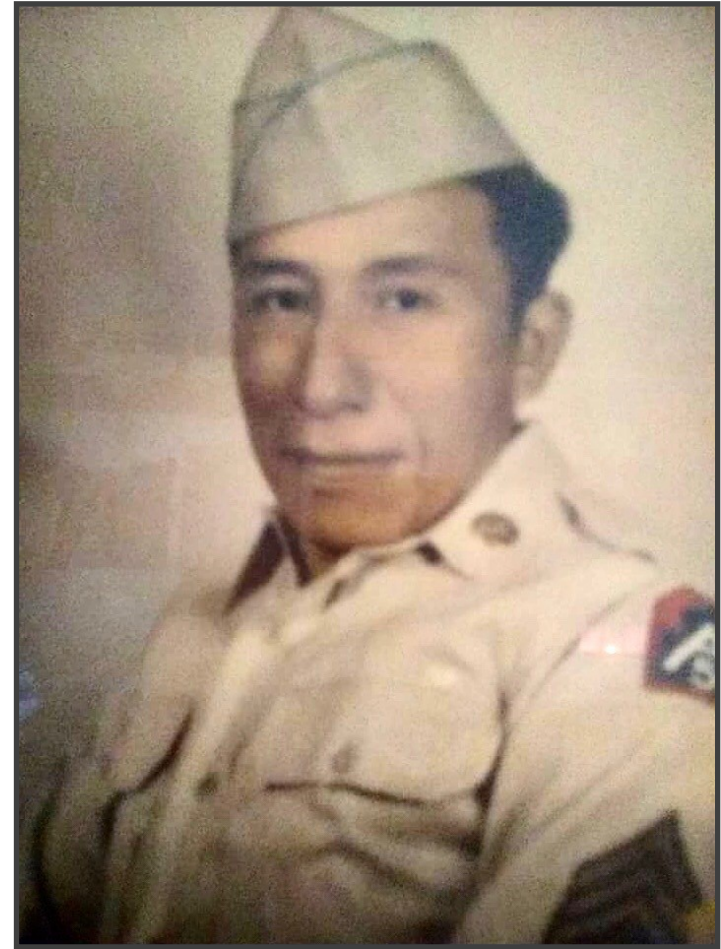
Alfred then started to do ranch work for John Didier off and on for about 18 years. After the passing of John Didier, he worked around the house. He and Lucille could be seen cleaning and mowing cemeteries. Alfred also worked for the RST Elderly Nutrition program. He also joined White River American Legion Post #94 and the Sicangu Warriors. We all know that he loved to keep busy, being around family, helping others and loved attending church at the Lakota Chapel.

Alfred's health began to deteriorate and the difficult decision was made to place him at the White River Health Care Center. During his stay, he would tease the staff and make sure he had his coffee. He would visit and pray for other residents there. Alfred has touched the lives of many and his presence will be dearly missed.

Alfred is survived by his nephews: Robert (Rita) Rattling Leaf, Torry (Judy) Rattling Leaf, Allen Rattling Leaf, James (Debbie) Rattling Leaf and Fremont Fallis and nieces: Lea Rattling Leaf, Marcene Rattling Leaf, Fran (Brandon) Watson, Delores Simmons and Naomi Dykes.

Alfred was preceded in death by his wife Lucille; mother Lucy Rattling Leaf; father Moses Rattling Leaf; brothers: Leroy, Herbert Sr., Gilbert, Nelson; and sisters: Elizabeth, Martha, Cora and Ramona.

Arrangements By
Holmes Funeral Home ~ Valentine, NE



In Loving Memory Of

Alfred

Feb 10, 1928 ~ Sept 18, 2020



In Celebration Of Life
Alfred Robert Rattling Leaf
Mato Takpe

Services

Lakota Chapel in White River, SD

Wakes: Wed-Thur ~ Sept 23-24, 2020 @ 6pm

Funeral: Friday ~ Sept 25, 2020 @ 1 pm

Officiant: Pastor Harold Ambrose

Eulogy read by James Rattling Leaf

Burial: Sicangu Akicita Owicaha Tribal Veteran Cemetery
South of White River, South Dakota

The Broken Chain

*We little knew that morning,
That God would call your name.
In life we loved you dearly;
In death we do the same.*

*It broke our hearts to lose you.
But you did not go alone.
For part of us went with you
The day God called you home.*

*You left us beautiful memories,
Your love is still our guide.
And though we cannot see you,
You are always by our side.*

*Our family chain is broken,
And nothing seems the same,
But as God calls us one by one,
The chain will link again.*

Pallbearers:

Dustin Rattling Leaf	Robert Rattling Leaf
Keith Rattling Leaf	James Plooster
Brandon Rattling Leaf	Jeremy Black Bear
Charles Fallis	Marcus Brushbreaker

Honorary Bearers:

Mathel Ambrose ~ Norma Ryan
Uncle Webster Two Hawk
White River Healthcare Center Staff
American Legion Post #94
All Veterans, Relatives & Friends