

Honorary Bearers

Errol Hawk ~ Courage Zephier ~ Patrick Brown
Dave Zephier ~ Mark Shoenhard ~ Wesley Brugier
Dillon Two Eagle ~ Tony Sitting Bear ~ Austin Benson
Shastri Shoon ~ Donald Wynos ~ Tate Gonzalez
Peter Knife ~ Tyler Swift ~ Chase Knife
Steven Chatman ~ Hubert McCloskey ~ Mario Sorio
Willus McCloskey ~ Kyler McCloskey ~ Kevin Sorio
Rigo Garcia ~ Mike Thin Elk ~ Sundance Family
St. Joseph's Family, Staff & Children
Dave Fontenot, Kenyon McCloskey & fellow drummers

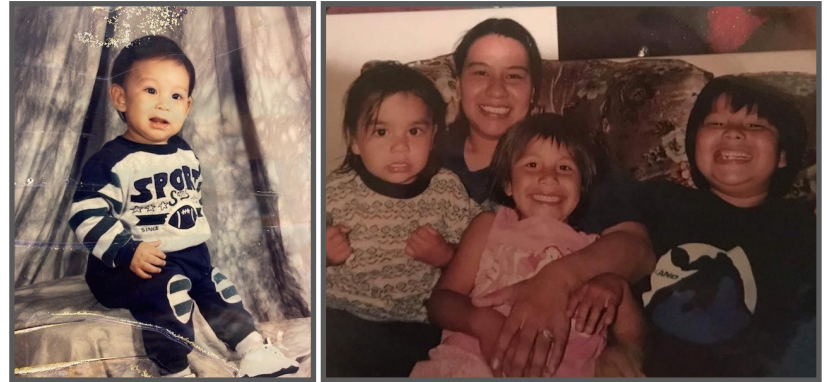
Shawn Anthony Zephier was born May 30, 1995 to Summer Zephier and Eric Prue. He was also raised by his grandpa Dino and was his sidekick. Shawn loved him dearly. He attended St. Joseph's Indian School and Chamberlain High School graduating in 2014. While at CHS, he advocated to include the honor song in the graduation ceremony. Shawn worked for SJIS where he was a houseparent and ensured that the students continued to learn about and connect with their culture.

Shawn had many aspirations and dreams, including getting married and having children. What brought him the most joy was being with his family.

He is survived by his fiancé Tristan Michalek, mother, father, siblings, grandpa and many family members and friends. He was preceded in death by his great grandmas and great grandpas.

Shawn touched many lives and made this world a better place by being in it.

In Loving Memory of Shawn Anthony Zephier 'Chunzeka'



Wanbli Gleska Hoskila

A Lakota Sioux prayer

Wiyokepiyata West

You take the sun from us and cradle it in your arms, then you bring darkness onto us so that we may sleep. When you bring the darkness to my friends and family here, do so without the nightmares that we have had for so long. Let your stars and moon shine on my family and friends in a gentle manner; and as they look at the stars, they remember that those stars are the spirits of my friends shining on them and those friends are at peace.

Waziyatakiya North:

You are the Warrior, you have been here alongside my family and friends through this difficulty time, you have felt their love and compassion; ride alongside of them, for now they are in this the hardest battle for their life, the battle for inner peace. Now is the time for you to care for them.

Wiyohiyapata East:

From you comes the sun which brings life to us all; I ask that you have the sun shine on my family and friends here, and bring a new life to them — a life without the pain and sadness of the world; and to their families, bring your sun for they also need your light for their lives.

Iyotakagata South:

You bring the storms from the south which brings the rains to nourish us. Be gentle when you fall on my family and friends; and as the rain touches them, let it wash away the pain and sadness that they carry with them.

Wanka Tanka :

May your songs of the winds and clouds sweep the pain and sadness out of my family and friends' hearts; as they hear the songs and the drum beat, let them know the spirits who are with those songs bring good health and healings and to help bring peace.

Unci Maka :

I have asked all the other GrandFathers and GrandMothers to help my family and friends rid themselves of the troubles that weigh so heavy on their hearts. cradle them gently in your arms and comfort them in this time of need. This way, the weight they carry will be less; and they will walk more softly.

May the Great Spirit watch over my family and friends.

Hetchetu

In Celebration of the Life of

Shawn Anthony Zephier

Services

Okiciyapi Sundance Grounds - Soldier Creek, SD

Wake: Friday - July 30, 2021 @ 7pm

Funeral: Saturday - July 31, 2021 @ 12pm

Traditional Prayers: Dino Zephier

Special Speakers:

Scott Woster ~ Shastri Shoon ~ Meaghan Mohr Gesino

Inurnment: Saturday - August 7, 2021

Ponka Cemetery - Niobrara, NE

Pallbearers

Chris Luke

Tayvin Sitting Bear

Delmer Forgets Nothing, Jr.

Paul DeNoyer

Scott Woster

Ethan Zephier

Mike Fisher

Aaron Wisenbough

Arrangements By

Holmes Funeral Home ~ Valentine, NE

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