

# NAhtAsuutaaka' (White Shield) News Journal

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## Architect Drawing of White Shield's New Administration Building New Buildings in White Shield Add to Growth



The community of White Shield is growing as fast as wildflowers on the green, rolling prairie. One of the more stately and beautiful is the new White Shield Administration building (photo above). It looks as if it stepped off the architect's easel. It will fit nicely next to the Culture Center, Headstart building, and new School. The new school will hear the sounds of children this fall. The school is scheduled to open in August if everything falls into place as the contractors' hope. *(continued on page 3)*



*From the desk of Fred Fox, Councilman,  
East Segment, White Shield, ND 58540*



Hello Community members and Elders.

The community had a tough month with many deaths of our loved ones and most notably our long-time Chief of the Arikara people, Bobby Bear. I want to send my condolences to the families. I know no words can explain the loss of a loved one.

Summer is finally here, and few of the powwows around the reservation are already finished, with Four Bears, Twin Buttes, and Parshall turning out to be huge successes. Lots of relatives travel near and far, and we know the White Shield “Arikara Celebration” is going to be the biggest and best Celebration White Shield has ever had. We will have the Celebration, along with an Indian Nationals Finals Rodeo Tour, “White Shield Stampede,” Horse Races, Softball Tournament, and a first-time-ever Golf Tournament in Garrison. There will a lot of activities for everyone so make sure to attend.

We completed the RV Park next to the pow-wow grounds with 25 full-service RV spaces and five rental cabins. The RV site will also feature showers and a laundromat. Along with the RV Park, the White Shield C-Store features a full service “Hot Stuff Pizza” with a dining room inside and out.

The current projects in White Shield are the new Rodeo grounds south of White Shield. It is called the Ree Ranch. It will feature a 1/2 mile horse track, garden, and area to raise livestock. We hope to get a rodeo club started and implement an FFA or Ranch program through the school.

Speaking of the school, it is getting near completion with the majority of the work being done inside. Pretty much all concrete has been poured inside; all the framing inside has been complete with ongoing drywall and flooring being done. We still are looking at a fall grand opening for the school.

The 12-plex apartment building is almost near completion and will be a great addition for small single families in the community. Please pick up applications at Ree Lodge located at the Elder Center. The Ambulance service will be in service for July. We will be using qualified EMT’s and Paramedics from Denver and Mandaree. This will be tremendous cost savings and also be life-saving for our community members and elders.

One of the upcoming projects is the new East Segment Tribal Building. It’s will be located east of the Cultural Center and will serve as a satellite office for the Tribal Building located in Four Bears. There will more details to follow.

Summer Youth has started, and Leonard Hosie is the Summer Youth Director for White Shield. So if you haven’t signed up yet, there is still time. With that said, I want to wish everyone a happy and safe summer. Also, don’t forget the Community 4th of July Celebration on July 2nd!!! Thank you and God Bless. One more important announcement. The Elder Disbursement will be July 24th.

**Elder \$1,000 Disbursement luncheon will be held in the Four Bear Casino Event Center around noon on July 24<sup>th</sup>. There will be a short program and checks can be picked up at that time. If you do not pick up your check, it will be mailed to you. If you have any questions, contact your segment or the chairman’s office.**



*Entrance and waiting room for new White Shield Administration office.*



**(continued from page 1)** Of all the starts and stops during the building of the school, all can see that it is well-worth the time and efforts put into such a huge undertaking. It is a first class school.



The **Headstart building** that sits east and a little north of the new school has not opened because of the school construction. The trucks and equipment cause concern for the staff because their students are young and could be in harm's way with construction. They are planning to start school in the new building in the fall. The building is specially built for little people with sinks, chairs, desks and bathroom facilities all just their size. The new building will have a lot of extras that the old building didn't have. Staff and students are eager to move in.



**Medicine Lodge**, built south of White Shield under the direction of Butch Bell, elder and with the support of the Segment and Fred Fox, is near completion and waiting for some detail work. It is built from a vision of Bell. Plans for ceremonies and its opening are still in the works.

In the picture, community members are covering the roof with willow and sod will be put down for the roof.





The **White Shield apartments** are nearing completion and will be ready for use as living quarters for small families. There are 4 - single apartments and 8 – two bedroom apartments in the complex. The ground floors will be available for any disabled families. Applications for the apartments can be picked up at the elder apartment office.



The rental cost per month is not yet determined. One of the priorities of the Ree Management Board of Directors is to set a reasonable rate for the rentals. The policies for occupancy of the apartments are generally the same as the house rental policies. For answers to questions about the apartments or if you are interested in renting one, called Linda Gonzales, Board President and Program director at 701-421-5941.

**North Dakota and the Reservation are Experiencing some Sever storms. The photo below was taken as the storm rolled in the White Shield area a few days ago. Please heed area storm warnings**



## **Arikara and Pawnee Plan Second Reunion and gatherings**

The White Shield Segment and the Pawnee have planned a second reunion and gathering in Norfolk, Nebraska. This is the second meeting with our "cousins" the Pawnee. The first gathering was September 22nd to September 27th at Pawnee, Oklahoma with the Pawnee hosting. At the Norfolk site, the Arikara will be hosting.

An agenda has been developed by a committee (from White Shield is Fred Fox, Austin Gillette, Duane and Bonnie Fox and a Pawnee delegation), the date has been set and agenda for the meeting is ready. As the Reunion progresses, information will be available through the News Journal, Facebook and community Updates.



### **DRAFT SAHNISH AND PAWNEE REUNION AGENDA**

*Mandan, Hidatsa, & Arikara Nation  
Fort Berthold Indian Reservation  
404 Frontage Road  
New Town, North Dakota 58763-9402*

*Fred W. Fox, Councilman  
White Shield East Segment  
Arikara & Pawnee Celebration  
September 24-26, 2018*

#### *Friday-September 24th, 2018*

*5 p.m- Arrival at Norfolk, NE*

*6 p.m- Supper hosted by Ponca Tribe of Nebraska*

*7-9 p.m- Social with Arikara, Pawnee and Ponca Tribe of Nebraska*

#### *Saturday- September 25th, 2018*

*8 a.m- Breakfast hosted by Arikara Tribe*

*10 a.m.- Pipe Ceremony Arikara/Pawnee*

*12 p.m.- Lunch hosted by Pawnee Tribe*

*1-3 p.m- Social Arikara/Pawnee*

*4-6 p.m- Hand games Arikara/Pawnee*

*6:30 p.m- Supper hosted by Arikara*

*8-10 p.m- Creation Stories/Tribal History, Arikara/Pawnee*

#### *Sunday-September 26th, 2018*

*8 a.m. - Breakfast hosted by Pawnee Tribe*

*9-10 a.m- Social*

*Noon-4 p.m- Pow-wow Arikara, Pawnee and Ponca Tribe of Nebraska*

*5 p.m-Departure*

## Brief History of Arikara and Pawnee.

There is little written or oral material on the two tribes. There is enough, however, to indicate that we are relatives of the Pawnee.

The oral history of the two tribes indicates the relationship between the Arikara and Pawnee dates back to the 15<sup>th</sup> century. The oral history of Native people was acceptable because tribes were strict about the way they learned and passed down the history. Today, people in the tribes use the oral history told to them by their grandparents. Also we have written and recorded history in addition to the oral history.

Non-Native historians grouped tribes into linguistic families. With the Arikara and

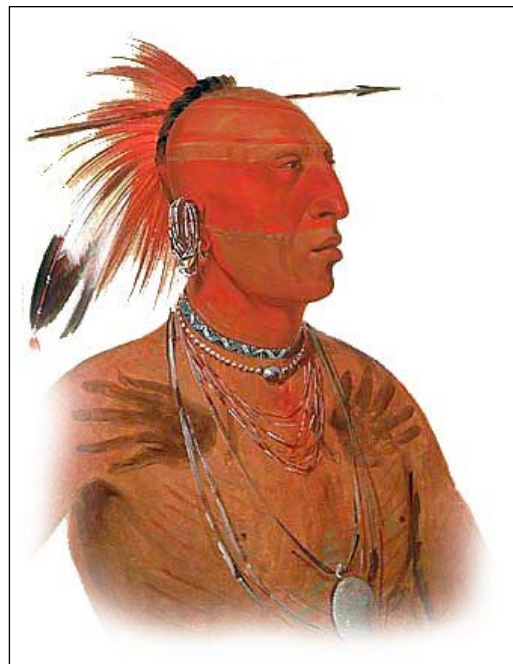
Pawnee, they are dialectically similar to the Pawnee and were of the Caddoan linguistic family.

When the Arikara left the body of their kindred in the southwest, they were associated with the Skidi, one of the tribes of the Pawnee Confederacy. Tradition and history indicate that at some point in the broad Missouri Valley the Skidi and Arikara parted, the former settling on the Loup River in Nebraska and the latter, continuing northeast where they built on the bluffs of the Missouri River, villages of which traces have been noted nearly as far south as Omaha.

### SON-OF-THE-STAR (RUSHING BEAR



### Pawnee Chief







**FOURTH of JULY**  
*Celebration*

**MONDAY JULY 2**  
**MC/DJ JAY-D ROCKS**

CHILI COOK-OFF      PIE BAKE-OFF  
BEST POTATO SALAD CONTEST      BEST FRY BREAD CONTEST

*"WAR HOOP" CONTEST*

**ELDER-PRIZE BINGO**

*"LE-LE-LE" CONTEST*

**TUG-OF-WAR | VOLLEYBALL | HORSE SHOES**

**DOOR PRIZE DRAWINGS**

**FACE PAINTING | BOUNCY HOUSES | BALLOON TOSS**

**BEST-DRESSED PATRIOTIC CONTEST**

*Performance by the*

**YELLOW BIRD INDIAN DANCERS**

**COMMUNITY PICNIC MEAL SERVED**

+ POCORN, SNOW CONES, COTTON CANDY

*Firework Display after Sundown*





# 1st Annual Arikara GOLF SCRAMBLE

GARRISON GOLF CLUB, GARRISON ND

THURSDAY, JULY 12TH 2018 \* REGISTRATION 8AM - PLAY 9AM

2 Person Scramble-Men/Women/Mixed Teams

\$150.00/Team - Includes 18 holes of Golf, Cart, and Steak Dinner

### Pin Prizes

- (2) Drivers for Longest Drive
- (2) Putters for Longest Putt
- (2) Wedges for Closest to Pin
- (2) Golf Bags for Closest to the Hole on Second Shot



### PRIZE MONEY

- 1ST- \$800.00
- 2ND-\$600.00
- 3RD-\$400.00
- 4TH-\$200.00

*Join the Fun!*

**July  
12th**

Contact  
Jim  
Norris  
605-230-1436



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2018 North Segment Elders Summer Evening Yacht Cruise  
July 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> and August 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 to 7:00 pm

For more information contact:  
Missi Spotted Bear: (701) 421-9390  
Trista Marsette: (701) 580-2332



**COMMITTEE**

**FLAG BEARER:**  
Ken Dean

**PRESIDENT:**  
Russell Youngbird

**VICE PRESIDENT:**  
David Blacksmith

**TREASURER:**  
Heather Dickens-Bearstail

**SECRETARY:**  
Carrine Felix-Wells

**DRUM KEEPER:**  
Layla Bearstail

**HEAD MAN DANCER:**  
Bryan "BJ" Brady

**HEAD WOMAN DANCER:**  
Jocy Fox

**PRINCESS:**  
Gabriella Good Bear

**TRAVELING PRINCESS:**  
Rayanne Bird

**HEAD STAFF**

**INVITED DRUM:**  
Blackstone

**LOCAL HOST DRUMS:**  
Dead Grass  
Ree Scouts  
Yellow Face

**ANNOUNCERS:**  
Charlie Moran,  
Lawrence Baker,  
Donnie Spiedel,  
Jason Good Striker,

**ARENA DIRECTORS:**  
Richard Pease  
Rusty Gillette  
Donovan Abbey

**SINGING JUDGES:**  
Sidrick "Mister" Baker  
Jon "Pancho" Brady  
John Bearstail

**OTHER EVENTS**

**CHAIRMAN'S FEED SATURDAY**  
Sponsored by Chairman Mark Fox

**GOLF SCRAMBLE**  
Contact Jim Norris (605)230-1446

**RODEO**  
Contact Jackie White Calfa (701) 898-7210

**SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT**  
Contact Fredman Everett (701) 421-0975

2018 Arikara Celebration Committee is not responsible for accidents, theft, vandalism or short funded travelers. They reserve the right to change the information on this poster at any time.

**SINGERS BRING OWN CHAIRS**

**SOUTHERN SINGING CONTEST • ORIGINAL STYLE SINGING CONTEST • CONTEMPORARY SINGING CONTEST**  
\*\*1st \$15,000 • \*\*2nd \$10,000 • \*\*3rd \$8,000 • 4th \$6,000 • 5th \$4,000 • 6th \$2,000  
\*\*TOP 3 IN EACH CONTEST WILL QUALIFY FOR OVERALL WINNER-TAKE-ALL \$40,000, MANDAREE, JULY 20-22, 2018



# ARIKARA CELEBRATION 2018

## JULY 13-15, 2018

### WHITE SHIELD, NORTH DAKOTA

**FLAGS**

**YOUNG HAWK/BEAR POST 253**

**FRIDAY, JULY 13, 2018**  
Vernon James Wells - Army  
Emanuel Wells - Army  
Reginald Wells - Navy & Air Force  
Old Scouts Flag

**SATURDAY, JULY 14, 2018**  
Glen "Cookie" Yellowbird - Marines  
Allen "Pony" Yellowbird - Army  
Marvin Howlingwolf - Navy  
Old Scouts Flag

**SUNDAY, JULY 15, 2018**  
Seybert Yellow Bear - Army  
Oscar John Howard - Navy  
Franklin Howard, Jr. - Navy  
& Merchant Marine

**SPECIALS**

**\$5,000 MEN'S GRASS**  
Sponsored by President,  
Russell Youngbird

**\$3,000 MEN'S GRASS  
\$3,000 WOMEN'S JINGLE**  
Sponsored by Vice President,  
David Blacksmith

**\$5,000 VIETNAM  
VETERAN'S SPECIAL**  
Sponsored by Austin Gillette

**TINY TOT SPECIAL**  
Sponsored by Princess,  
Gabriella Good Bear

**\$10,000 SINGERS SPECIAL**  
In Memory of the Late  
Thomas Clyde Bearstail

**\$10,000 SINGERS SPECIAL**  
Sponsored by Alfred Morsette, Jr.

**TINY TOT SPECIAL**  
In honor of Drum Keeper, Layla Bearstail  
Sponsored by Secretary,  
Heather Dickens-Bearstail

**\$5,000 MEN'S TRADITIONAL 18+**  
Sponsored by Head Man Dancer, BJ Brady

**FANCY SHAWL SHOWDOWN - ALL AGES**  
Sponsored by Head Woman Dancer, Jocy Bird

**MEN'S & WOMEN'S SWITCH DANCE**  
\$500 • \$400 • \$300 • \$200 • \$100  
Sponsored by Secretary, Carrine Felix-Wells

**VENDORS: \$300/day or  
\$750/weekend Per Spot • 2-Spot Max  
Pay Before Setup • No Exceptions!**

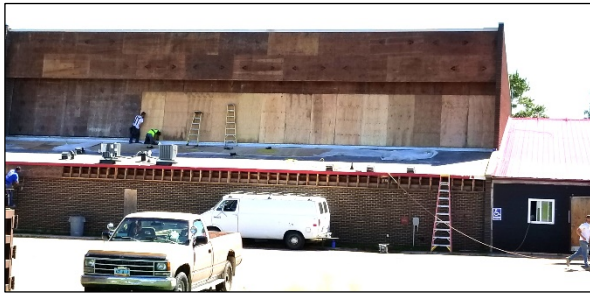
**FOR MORE INFORMATION:**  
Russell Young Bird (701) 455-4062  
Carrine Felix-Wells (701) 312-0151

Summer Powwows and Celebrations	
July 19 - 22	Mandaree Celebration, Mandaree, ND
August 9-10	Professional Indian Relays, Parshall
August 9-12	Little Shell Powwow, New Town
Sept. 7-9	United Tribes Internal Powwow, Bismarck
Sept 24 – 26	Pawnee and Arikara Reunion and Celebration, Norfolk, Nebraska

## 2018 White Shield Celebration Ready for Big July Celebration

### 2018 Arikara Celebration Committee

President-Russel Young Bird  
Vice President- David Blacksmith  
Secretary- Corrine Wells  
Treasurer- Heather Bearstail Dickens  
Flag Bearer- Kenneth Deane  
Drum Keeper- Layla Bearstail  
Head Man Dancer- BJ Brady  
Head Woman Dancer- Jocy Bird  
Princess- Gabriella Good Bear



Segment workers fixing up Complex for Celebration and powwow.



**New Rental Units** - The segment has added some cabin rentals (near new RV Park) to be used by people who may have camping equipment, or simple would like something a little more comfortable. Builder Frank White Calfe said they are putting in air conditioning, there will be places where you can barbeque outside, and it is insulated for extra comfort at night. You must, of course, have your sleeping bag and equipment. It is camping and powwowing in comfort.

**Indoor restrooms, showers and more laundromat ready for a powwow.** C-store has more food, snacks, Pizza, ice, and groceries. "You name it, we have it," said

Gloria Brennan, manager of store and facilities. The store will be open 24 hours 2 days before, during the powwow and one week after.

## White Shield Stampede Rodeo and Horse Racing



The White Shield Stampede is hosted by the White Shield Rodeo Committee/INFR (Indian National Final Rodeo) will be held on September 13th to 15th One Header Performance Times Friday, July 13th at 4:00 pm (CST) The rodeo is a first for White Shield. The arena was built by tribal member Frank White Calfe. He also built a track for horse racing which will be held on Sunday, July 15.

The new rodeo arena is located 2 miles South of White Shield.

View PDF Rodeo Info Sheet Rodeo White Shield Stampede White Shield, North Dakota Hosted By White Shield Rodeo Committee/INFR Rodeo Location 2 miles S. White Shield Ree Arena – White Shield, ND Rodeo Dates July 13th-July 14th One Header Performance Times Friday July 13th, at 4:00 PM (CST)

On Saturday July 14th at 1:00 PM (CST) there will be 10 contestants in all major junior and senior events in each performance. Slack Time will be



Sat. July 14th, at 8:00 AM CMT One Round Yes One go in all events. Internet Entries Friday, June 29th, 2018 at 12:00 AM (Midnight)(MST) - Monday, July 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00 PM (MST) [www.midwestrodeoentries.com](http://www.midwestrodeoentries.com).

Phone Entries Monday, July 2nd, at 10:00 A.M - 6:00 P.M (MST) 605-374-7754

Late Entries Tuesday July 3rd, 2018 at 1:00 P.M - 5:00 P.M (MST) 605-374-7754

\*all late entries are subject to an additional \$25 late fee upon paying entry fees at the rodeo\*

Call Backs/Trades Wednesday, July 4th, at 1:00 P.M - 4:00 P.M (MST) 605-374-7754

\*all trades are subject to an additional \$10 trade fee upon paying entry fees at the rodeo\* Entries close at 5:00 P.M (MST) on Tuesday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>. No Exceptions. Added Purse \$2,000 per major event \$4,000 in the team roping \$2,000/per side. Added purse Jr/Sr \$500 per JR event. \$500 per SR event \$1,500 in the SR team roping \$500/per side. Entry Fees \$100 Plus additional charges. Sr Fees \$75 Plus additional charges. Jr Fees \$50 Plus additional charges Stock Charge \$15 Per event except barrel racing Judge Charge \$100 one time charge Office Charge \$10 One time charge Electric Eye \$3 Barrel Racers Only Performance Numbers 10 in each performance All rough stock will go in the performances Stock Contractor Various Judges TBATBA Payouts Cash Prizes Buckles To All Event Champions Special Event.

## 2018 Memorial Day Celebration at White Shield

White Shield Celebrated Memorial Day with the community. The day was warm and full of sun shine, but there was a chill in the air. There was a great turn-out at the Complex, and the feast filled everyone to their satisfaction.

It was also a very sad day. Arikara Chief and member Post 253, Bobby Bear, passed away. He was a long time member of Post 253 and recently honored.



*Members of Post 253 and visitors*





*Ladies Auxiliary stand behind Post 253 flag bearers.*



*Long time Post 253 member, Thomas "Tooksie" Eagle, carries traditional Eagle Feather flag.*



*Fred Fox, carrying US Navy flag.*



*Ladies Auxiliary, flag bearers and those shooting over graves ready for firing.*



*Bernadette White Bear, Commander of Post 253*



*Drummers for Old Scouts honoring.*



*Local members of 253 and visitors stand in front of Old Scouts memorial monument.*

◀ Jun 2018		July 2018					Aug 2018 ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
1	2	3	4  Happy 4 <sup>th</sup> of July White Shield Celebration	5	6	7	
8	9	10 Yacht Cruise 5- 7 pm Sponsored by North Segment.	11 FBCE board meeting – noon at the communications building	12	13 Arikara Cele bration 	14 Arikara Celebration 	
15 Arikara Celebration 	16	17	18	19 Mandaree Powwow 	20 Mandaree Powwow 	21 Mandaree Powwow 	
22 Mandaree Powwow 	23	24 Elders Disbursement an meal 11 am \$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$	25	26	27	28	
29	30	31	White Shield 4 <sup>th</sup> of JULY Celebration Arikara Celebration July 13, 14 and 15 Mandaree Pow Wow, July 19, 20, 21, 22				

### Elders Birthdays June and July

#### June

Cleo Charging	6/14
Duane Fox	1/14
June Schettler	6/18
Gail Valenzuela	6/18
Rosalie Schreiner	6/27

#### July

Jacquelynn Connors	7/3
Ramona Dickens	7/28
Thomasine Felix	7/19
Wayne Flute	7/29
Birdena Fox	7/30
Wade Howard	7/8
Ardene Perkins	7/11
Don Yellow Bird	7/7

2018 North Segment Elders Summer Evening Yacht Cruise  
July 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> and August 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 to 7:00 pm

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## OBITUARIES



**Marie Rose Voigt**, 77, formerly of rural White Shield, ND died May 21, 2018, in Richland, WA. Graveside services were held 12:00 Noon Saturday, May 26, 2018, at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Cemetery/Packineau Dam Site, rural White Shield. Visitation was held from 9:00 AM until 11:00 AM Saturday at Thompson Funeral Home, Garrison, ND. Lunch followed the burial at the White Shield Elder Center.

Marie was born August 25, 1940, the daughter of Anecito and Helen (Vetch) Rillera. Marie married Eugene Voigt in Seattle, WA in 1967 and they moved to White Shield in 1968. Together they raised their son Lee on their ranch west of White Shield. Marie received both her Bachelor's Degree and Master's Degree in Education. She dedicated her life to teaching children. She taught at the White Shield School for over forty years. At the end of her career, she enjoyed working with gifted and talented students and ensured that students traveled and had opportunities and experiences that broadened their lives. Marie retired from the White Shield School and continued to make her life on the ranch west of White Shield. She moved to Richland Washington in 2015 to live with her sister Joanne. She was diagnosed with cancer in 2016 and on May 21, 2018, she rejoined her husband, Eugene.

She is survived by her son, Lee Voigt; her grandchildren, Jordan, Jaden, and Jackson; her sisters, Joanne, Arlene, Judy, and Delores; her brothers, Rudy and Author.

Marie was preceded in death by her husband Eugene Voigt, her parents Anecito and Helen and her brother Gary.



**Floyd L. White**, 69, White Shield, ND died May 28, 2018, at his residence in White Shield. Funeral services were held on Saturday at 11:00 am at the White Shield School in White Shield. Wake services were held on Friday at 5:00 pm at the school.

Floyd White was born October 26, 1948, to John Sr. and Florence (Badger) White in Nishu, ND. He attended White Shield Elementary and High School through the 10<sup>th</sup> grade. In 1969 he entered the US Navy serving as a Mess Cook on the USS Wainwright from 1969 to 1971. This was also when he received his GED through the Navy at Great Lakes, Illinois.

Following his discharge from the Navy, he was a short order cook at various restaurants and bar and grills in Chicago, IL. From 1979 through 1981 he was a substitute cook at Twin Buttes Elementary School before taking the taking over the Twin Buttes Headstart Program. He also worked as a teacher's aide in Twin Buttes and New Town. Floyd's cooking career then took him to White Shield where he worked for many, many years as the head cook for the White Shield School.

Floyd was a fun loving man who liked to visit and joke around. He had a quick wit and was always teasing his family and friends. He was a staple at the White Shield School and could always be counted on when he was asked for help. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends and the community of White Shield.



Floyd is survived by his daughters, Fawnah Muma of Twin Buttes, ND and Kirsten (Darian) Morsette of New Town, ND, son, Timothy White of Omaha, NE, grandson, Kobe Morsette and Ian Gloria, granddaughters, Kirah Morsette, Maggie Weigum, and Maddie Weigum, brothers, Gerald White Sr. of White Shield, ND, Wendell (Arvella) White of Mandaree, ND, and Frank White of Fargo, ND, sisters, LuJuanna LaCroix of White Shield, ND, Winogene (Raymond) Blacksmith of White Shield, ND, Delilah (Don) Yellow Bird of White Shield, Jacquelynn Connors of White Shield, ND, and Thomasine (Charles) Felix of White Shield, ND, and many nieces and nephews.,

He was preceded in death by his father John White Sr., mother, Florence (Badger) White, brothers, John Jr., Theodore, and Eddie, sisters, Estelle White, Rhoda Mountain, and Sianna White, son-in-law Michael Muma, and several aunts and uncles.



**Robert Bear, Jr. (Swift Hawk)** Robert Bear Jr., the hereditary Chief of the Arikara Tribe passed away May 30, 2018, at the Garrison Memorial Hospital. Funeral services were held on Monday at 10:00 am at the Ralph Wells Jr. Memorial Complex in White Shield. Wake services were held Sunday at 10:00 am at the complex.

Robert "Bobby" Bear Jr., "Swift Hawk" (nikutaawik-AtsuutikatariiNI) was the Arikara Chief for 57 years, beginning February 8, 1961. His lineage as the Arikara Chief is Son-of-Star, Sitting Bear, Floyd Bear and Robert Bear Sr. Robert was born December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1936 at home in Nishu to Dora Hopkins-Bear and Robert Bear Sr. He was raised in Nishu until the Garrison Dam was built. His family then moved their house to the 6 Mile Creek area of White Shield. He grew up working cattle and horses on the Bear family ranch. Robert always made sure

the garden was plowed for his Mother and that potatoes were planted. He humbly lived in the home that was moved from Nishu until it became too unsafe and was forced to move to White Shield where he said there were "too many people."

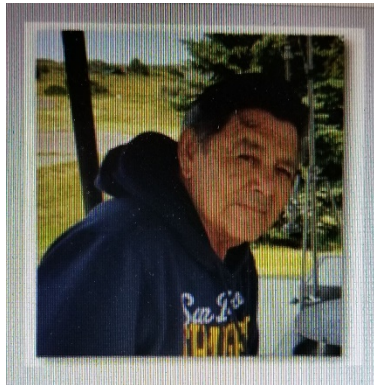
He attended Flandreau Indian School however he left two weeks shy of graduation. While in high school Robert met Rita and they had three children. They moved away at an early age, and Robert didn't get to know them. Robert served in the Navy. Upon his discharge in 1957, he returned to the Bear family ranch where he continued ranching. Robert then met the love of his life, Athelia White Bear-Hopkins, from this union they had one son Dion who was his pride and joy. Dion, unfortunately, passed February 2001.

Robert was well known as an accomplished bronc rider and loved following the various rodeos. He taught his nephews, nieces, grandsons, and granddaughters how to work with horses. He had names for them "Young Man, Joe Potato, and Bennie." He was also one of the lead singers of Dead Grass Singers. In 1985, he passed his drumstick to Thomas Well.

During Robert's later years, his health was such that he required a caretaker. His "Joy to the World" took him places he thought he would never see. To name a few, the Cowboy Hall of Fame and Devil's Tower. He had names for those who helped take care of him "Haney, Green Acres, and Little Cowboy." Most recently there were great-grandsons in his home which he called his "Friends".

He was a jack of all trades and worked at various ranches. Truth be told he was a hell-raiser, he never backed down from a fight. Despite this roughness, Robert was a humble and generous

man, he welcomed and helped out people with what he had. He was the true meaning of a Chief!



**Hans Youngbird**, 71 years of age, from White Shield, North Dakota passed on Sunday Morning, June 3, 2018, after a short stay at the Vibra Sanford rehabilitation clinic, Bismarck, North Dakota. Funeral services were held on Friday at 11:00 am at the Ralph Wells Jr. Memorial Complex in White Shield. Wake services were held on Thursday at 5:00 pm at the complex.

Burial at St. Andrew's Catholic Cemetery in White Shield.

Hans was born on October 28, 1946, in Elbowoods, North Dakota to Benjamin and Jessie Youngbird (Everett). He was born with his twin, Felix Youngbird. Hans was born first.

Hans was one of 13 children: Margie (deceased); Magdeline Yellow Bird; Pliga Bordeaux (deceased); Greta White Calfe; Teresa Danks; Delphine Hall (deceased); Jimmy Youngbird (deceased); Marilyn Youngbird; Laverne Pfliger (deceased); Joseph Youngbird; Felix Youngbird; and Sara Youngbird.

Hans attended school in Elbowoods (North Dakota), Chamberlain (South Dakota), White Shield (North Dakota), Wahpeton (North Dakota) and Eagle Butte (South Dakota), and was a good student and all-around athlete. Hans loved investigating his natural surroundings, riding horses, swimming in the river, playing with his siblings and cousins, and joking with everyone. As a youth, Hans was a curious and fun-loving person with the spark for life.

As a young child, Hans and his twin, Felix went to boarding school in Elbowoods because severe winters often prevented children from attending school, which was unacceptable. Hans' parents allowed the twins to attend boarding school because they had access to their older sisters for care and attention. They were well cared for while attending boarding school.

Hans joined the Army and was deployed to Vietnam in November 22, 1966. Hans was honorably discharged on November 21, 1968.

Upon discharge, and after taking time to reacquaint himself as a civilian, Hans returned to his homelands and began working as a construction worker until he accepted a job with the White Shield School. Hans had a kindness for children and they trusted him. Hans felt tremendous joy working at the White Shield School, helping and being surrounded by beautiful children. Hans got along with his co-workers and took a great deal of pride in his work.

In 1971, Hans married Clarinda Spotted Horse in a ceremony in White Shield, North Dakota. In due course, they welcomed their first child, Priscilla Youngbird; then their second child, Colette. In addition to their children, Hans and his wife, Clarinda cared for the extended family.

Hans' favorite sports to play were softball, basketball, and golf. In 2016, the Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara Tribe honored Hans for all his many years of contributions to the softball team. Hans loved golfing, playing basketball and softball with friends and family. On the day of his passing, his golfing buddies, Don and Grover Yellowbird, Keith LeBeau and Felix Youngbird, dedicated their tournament game to Hans. They won the tournament with 9 birdies and by 1 stroke.

Hans enjoyed hunting and fishing. Hans was a skilled hunter possessing the ability to see things unseen by others and take the animal with unparalleled precision.

Hans loved his black Labrador named Charlie.

Hans is preceded in death by his wife, Clarinda (deceased on 2017); his parents (Benjamin and Jessie); his siblings: Margie Youngbird; (deceased); Pliga Bordeaux; Delphine Hall; Jimmy

Youngbird; and Laverne Pfliger.

Hans is survived by his children Priscilla Youngbird; Colette Youngbird; Grandchildren: Chyna; Mychel; Chloe; Lucy; Charlotte Ree and Claudia Rae, the Twins, and Cora Grace. His siblings: Magdeline Yellow Bird (Willard, deceased); Greta White Calfe (Oscar, deceased); Teresa Danks (John); Marilyn Youngbird; Joseph Youngbird (Madeline, deceased); Felix Youngbird (Carol); and Sara Youngbird, and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and other relatives.



**Henry T. Sun, (Bad Coat)**, 46, Parshall and New Town, beloved husband, son, father, brother, and uncle went home to be with the Lord on Saturday, May 19, 2018, at his New Townhome.

Henry was born on June 21, 1971, at Garrison, North Dakota to Phyllis Bluestone. Henry came from a family of five: two brothers and two sisters. He grew up on the family ranch at Bluestone Village in Lucky Mound with his parents Elmer and Phyllis Wells Sr. He spent a lot of time with his maternal grandparents, Thomas and Margaret Bluestone helping on the ranch. He lived most of his adult life in Lucky Mound and New

Town.

Henry graduated from Parshall High School in 1989. He was active in band, football, basketball, and track while in high school. He was on the All-Conference Football team twice in his high school career. He was a state qualifier in pole vaulting. He earned his Associates Degree from the Fort Berthold Community College in 1999. While in college he competed three times at the AIHEC National Competition.

After high school, he enlisted in the United States Army. He completed his basic training at Fort Knox, Kentucky. He was stationed in Germany. He drove an Abrams M1 A1 Tank in Desert Storm. He served our country with distinction for three years in the 1<sup>st</sup> Calvary as a Corporal. He was a proud member of the VFW Post 9061. He enjoyed participating in their post activities.

Henry excelled in working with technology. He worked a few years at the New Town Elementary School in the computer lab and later moved to the Nueta, Hidatsa, Sahnish College. There he was an IT specialist for the past sixteen years.

Henry met Jada Maria (Hopkins) Sun in the fall of 2013 and they were united in marriage on December 3, 2016. He was a family man that enjoyed participating in activities with his children and stepchildren. He was also an avid Raiders fan. He was looking forward to attending a Raiders' game in Las Vegas. Henry was also a well-known drummer who played rock and country with area bands (Rezin, Dakota Drive, and Ree Ride). Playing with his brothers Sohi and Rex were always some of his favorite performances. Those that knew him understood his humor.

Henry was a member of the Low Cap clan of the Hidatsa. He was a child of the Dripping Dirt clan.

Henry is survived by his wife Jada, New Town; children Cassandra, Autumn, New Town; stepchildren Caesar Alvarez, Matthew & Nathan Hogenson, New Town; parents Elmer Sr. and Phyllis Wells, Lucky Mound; siblings Clarence (Mary Ellen), Jennifer (Daniel) LeBeau Sr., Elmer Jr. New Town, Melanie (Marty) Foote, Devils Lake; godchildren: Carson Hale Smith, Parshall and Sheridan Sun, New Town; his Auntie Mom, Ella Mae Baker; nephews/nieces: Sierra Sun, Taylor LeBeau, Daniel LeBeau Jr., Jordan LeBeau, Mary LeBeau, Danika LeBeau, Parker LeBeau, Isley



Foote, Phoenix Foote, Mataya Foote, Brooklyn Wells, Elmer Wells III, and Ethan Wells. Also, his beloved pets—Groot and Raider.

Henry was preceded in death by Alexander Sun, brother; Thomas and Margaret Bluestone, maternal grandparents; Bill Sr. and Adele Wells. His aunts: Christine Bluestone Mann, Florence Bluestone Deane, Irene Bluestone Hale, Julia Bluestone, and Bertha Bluestone Bear; and his uncles: Wayne Bluestone and James Bluestone, Sr.

**Valarie Poitra**, 53, New Town, died on Sunday, June 10, 2018, from injuries sustained in a motor vehicle accident near Mandaree. Funeral services were held on Saturday at 11:00 am at the Living Waters Family Service Center by Mandaree. Wake services were held on Friday at 5:00 pm at the Living Waters Center.

**Donna Morgan**, 78, Sanish, ND, died Monday June 11, 2018 in her home. Funeral Friday, June 15 at 10am in St. Anthony Catholic Church, New Town. Wake Thursday 5pm in Johnny Bird Veterans Memorial Hall, New Town. Burial took place at Crow Flies High Family Cemetery, rural New Town.



**Aurelia Gillette**, 73, New Town, died Sunday, June 10, 2018 in a Minot hospital. Aurelia Joyce Gillette carried the Arikara Indian Name “*Staapi' iiró*” (*Distributes Goods*). She was born on the Fort Berthold Reservation on November 17, 1944. Reets, as she was called by friends and relatives, surely lived up to her Indian Name. She was a quiet, gentle, generous and giving person who helped in every way she could. Reets was blessed with many talents and one that we will all miss is hearing her beautiful voice. She was called many times to sing on various occasions. Another was her artistic abilities, as she made many fine yarn items. And still another was her cooking and baking

skills. People enjoyed feasting on her pies, Poorman's cake, baked beans, stuffing and roasts. She was meticulous in everything she started and finished.

She is a graduate of Mandaree High School of Mandaree and received her Associates Degree from Arkansas City Junior College while staying at the Chilocco Indian School in Oklahoma. After receiving her degree, she worked for the I H S in Oklahoma City in the Personnel Department, relocated to New Town and worked for the DINAP office, BIA in the Procurement Office and at the Fort Berthold Community College's Business Office.

Aurelia was preceded in death by parents, George & Evelyn (Wilkinson) Gillette; husband, Dennis Conklin, Sr., infant daughter, Leah Conklin; sisters, Thana Gillette, Sylvia Chase, Shirley Smith, Louise Holding Eagle, Susann Coffey, Melissa Boepple, Frances Baker; brothers, Bion Baker, Danny Coffey, Art Paulson; nephews, Milo Chase, Cyril Chase and Eric Dion Smith. Brothers survive her, G. Russell Gillette of Bismarck, ND and Pete Coffey, Jr. (Deb); sisters, Barbara (Tracey) Roy of Oklahoma City, OK, Florence (Bryon) Brady of Shell Creek, ND, Sandra (Dennis) Fox of Albuquerque, NM, Grace Gillette of Denver, Co., Avis Mayer, Glenda B. Embry, A. Jean Baker, Mary Coffey, Jeanette Coffey, Judith Danks and Suzy Paulson all of New Town, ND; her loving children, Evangeline Rae Conklin, Scott Ray Conklin, Denise Rae Conklin Dennis Ray Conklin, Jr., Avery (Kristen) Conklin and Billiejo Gillette; grandchildren, Ashleigh (Waylan), Sam, Jesse Belle, Kaycee Jo, Kenneth "Goon" Anna Belle, Raven, Evan, Page, Brooke, Marni, Kennedy, Alyssa, Dylan, Avery, Ayden, Arielle and Honey; great-

grandchildren, Curtis, Milo, McKennan, JJ, Teagan, Reagan, Jasper, Harmony, Ella Mae; and her godson, Anthony Quick Bear.



**Darlene C. Whitman**, 82, New Town, died Monday, June 4, 2018, in a Minot hospital, surrounded by her family.

Darlene was born April 27, 1936, to Carl Jr. and Mary Rose (Cummings) Whitman in McKenzie County in North Dakota. She attended school in Sanish and graduated from New Town High School in 1955. She continued her education at Haskell College in Kansas where she took bookkeeping and secretarial classes. She then started her career with the BIA. She moved for a short time to California.

In 1960, she met Ed Holeman in New Town. They moved around the country, following his oilfield construction jobs, to Mississippi, Alaska, Florida, California, and numerous other states before returning to New Town in 1970. During their travels, Darlene worked various accounting jobs, while raising her family.

From 1972-1979, Darlene worked for the BIA Roads Department in New Town. She transferred with the BIA to Aberdeen, SD. She later moved to Denver for new adventures. She worked for the Denver Indian Center until 1993 and returned to New Town where she worked for the New Town Police and Tribal Federal Investigators. Darlene retired in 2006.

Darlene enjoyed taking care of her grandchildren and loved listening to old and classic country music. She liked to travel, enjoyed fishing and working in her flower garden and yard. She was also skilled at upholstery. Darlene was a member of St. Anthony Catholic Church and the American Legion Ladies Auxiliary. May God bless the memory of Darlene Whitman.

Darlene is survived by her sons, Darren Holeman (Laura Fox) of New Town, Eddie Holeman Jr. of New Town and Derek Holeman of Underwood; daughter, Liz Young Wolf (Kenny) of New Town; brother, J.C. Whitman of Albuquerque, NM; sisters, Jackie Columbe of Mission SD and Kathy Whitman of Albuquerque, NM; grandchildren, Bronson, Brandon, Kacee (David), Eric and Charlie; fourteen great-grandchildren; and many extended family. She was preceded in death by her parents; daughter, Mary Lynn Holeman; grandson, Dalton; and sisters, Janny and Sharon.



**Robert Grady "Indio,"** of Pasadena, TX, formerly of Parshall, our beloved husband, son, father, grandfather, brother, and uncle went home to be with the Lord on May 20, 2018. He was sixty-three years old.

Robert was born on July 4, 1955, at Los Angeles, California to Julia Bluestone and Harry Lewis Grady. He attended school at Parshall, White Shield, and New England St. Mary's. He spent many of his summers at the family ranch at Bluestone Village in Lucky Mound with his mother Julia and his grandparents Thomas and Margaret Bluestone. His grandfather nicknamed him "Bone crusher" for his love of professional wrestling and

how hard he worked.

Robert graduated from New England St. Mary's in 1975. He was active in basketball and track. He was named as an All-District in basketball. After graduation, he worked for Charlson

Oilfield before beginning a career in the trucking industry. He worked over twenty years for Petroleum Trucking in Texas. After retirement, he continued to work odd jobs to keep himself busy until poor health conditions impacted his ability to work.

Robert had a great sense of humor. He enjoyed teasing his nieces and nephews. His brothers and sisters often called on him to “discipline” the nieces and nephews if they were naughty. He used humor as a way to teach them how they were supposed to behave.

Robert was a member of the Low Cap Clan of the Hidatsa. He was a child of the Knife Clan.

Robert married Diane (Guevara) on January 11, 2018. They made their home in Pasadena, Texas. He has six children and twenty-three grandchildren. He has thirteen nieces and eleven nephews.

Robert is survived by his wife, Diane, Pasadena, Texas; children: Kristin Grady, Houston, Texas; Anna Grady, Pearland, Texas; Bobby Gonzales, Webster, Texas; Steven Michael Gonzales Alvin, Texas; Kyle Grady (Devonna), Mandaree; Robert Grady, Bismarck; siblings: Arnold Grady (Leizel), Lucky Mound, Raymond Grady, White Shield; Margaret (Roger) Grady, New Town; Christine Bluestone (Tom), Lucky Mound; Josie Constanza and Helen Grady, both from Omaha, Nebraska.

Robert was preceded in death by his parents: Julia and Harry and grandparents, Margaret and Tom Bluestone and Charlie Grady and Jessie Ward. His aunts: Christine Bluestone Mann, Florence Bluestone Deane, Irene Bluestone Hale, Julia Bluestone, and Bertha Bluestone Bear; and his uncles: Wayne Bluestone and James Bluestone, Sr. His sisters: Janet M. Grady, Corrine Grant Grady, Ellan Grady Cunningham, and one brother: Myron Grady.



**Margaret E. Starr, (*New Land Woman*)** Bismarck, formerly of Washburn, passed away on June 14, 2018, at St. Catherine’s Living Center, Wahpeton. A family ceremony was held in Margaret’s honor, with a public celebration of life at a later date.

Margaret (*New Land Woman*), as she was known in her native tongue, was born Jan. 2, 1921, to Philip Starr and Kathryn (Kate) Hopkins Starr in Elbowoods. She attended the Bismarck Indian School and completed high school in Elbowoods. She married George (Yellow Wolf) and moved to Dickinson, later moving to Washburn, making it her home, to raise her two children. In 1970, she moved to Bismarck to attend the United Tribes Technical College and started a

job with the Social Security Administration, which she continued until her retirement.

Keeping her roots in Bismarck, Margaret was proud of her heritage and stayed active in the community. She would speak at the Bismarck Elementary school promoting the Native American culture and heritage and share her experiences. Tradition was always important to *New Land Woman*; she would dance and sing with the drum in the tradition of her people, telling stories she learned as a child to others, as each story carried weight and meaning. Other organizations she was involved in were: Board of Luther Hall, a veteran of WWII, and a devout member of McCabe United Methodist Church.

After suffering from a stroke, Margaret moved to Wahpeton, in August 2013, to find peace in the community and wonderful care at St. Catherine’s Living Center where she passed peacefully. Her sense of humor, beautiful smile and loving heart will truly be missed by all that have met her.



Margaret was preceded in death by her parents, Kathryn (Hopkins) Starr and Philip Starr; brothers, Philip Star Jr., Glen Snowbird, Alfonso Starr, Webster Starr, Woodrow Starr, and MacRoy Starr; her sister, Ida Starr Abraham; and her grandson, Thomas Yellow Wolf, Jr. Living relatives that honor her memory include her daughter, Doreen (Max) Reinke, Wahpeton; son, Thomas Yellow Wolf, New Town; sisters, Theresa (Starr) Charging, Janice (Starr) Kerzman, and Rhoda (Starr) Crawford; grandsons, Hunter (Jenny) Reinke, Fargo, and Ty Reinke, Aberdeen, S.D., great-grandchildren, Colton and Sierra Reinke, Adriana, Taylor, Hailey and Anaya Yellow Wolf; great-great-grandchildren, Kayleigh, John and Ruby Yellow Wolf.



**Claudia Mason**, 68, New Town, died Sunday, June 17, 2018, in a Bismarck hospital.

Claudia Driver Mason, *“Many Roots” (Edz’ihgidAA Ahu-sh)*, was born on March 13, 1950, in Elbowoods, ND, to Jim Driver and Verna Turtlehead Driver. She was the youngest of 12 children. Claudia spent a great deal of time with her siblings and grew up in the Shell Creek area.

She attended Pierre Indian Boarding School from the ages of 7-9. Claudia also attended school in Parshall, ND, and Oakland, CA. She graduated from Mandaree High School in 1970.

Education was a passion for Claudia, as she resided in Denver, CO, where she worked and attended school. She also attended cosmetology school in Minot, ND. Later, she pursued a Bachelor of Science in Business Management and graduated from the University of Mary in 2002.

Claudia was a long time federal employee. She worked for the Indian Health Service/Minnetohe Clinic located in New Town, ND for 14 years. Claudia was also employed with the Three Affiliated Tribes Healthy Start and Head Start programs; where she offered many significant contributions to the departments.

In 1973, Claudia married Matthew “Screech” Mason in Dickinson, ND. Matthew and Claudia built their family ranch and settled in the Shell Creek area. The couple had four children (3 boys and 1 girl) William, Darrin, Albert, and Reani. She and her husband raised their family with traditional values and instilled the meaning of hard work, which is carried though in each of their children today. On August 2, 1990, the two renewed their vows before family in their local parish, St. Anthony Catholic Church.

Claudia was a loving wife, mother, sister, grandma, and aunt. She loved her traditional ways. She was respectful and listened to the old people. These were beliefs passed on to her children and grandchildren. Claudia was also an active member of her local Catholic church. She enjoyed the time she spent with her family; especially traveling with her children and grandchildren to places such as Disney World. Her grandchildren were truly her treasures, and she loved to attend their school events. Claudia did her best to make it to as many events as possible. In fact, one of her most recent trips back to New Town was to attend her granddaughter’s first communion.

In addition to spending time with her family, Claudia was a music lover. Some of her favorite singers included Josh Turner, Merle Haggard, and Johnny Cash. Nonetheless, one of her favorite radio stations was Pop2K; which she enjoyed listening to with her daughter Reani. Claudia had a kind heart, and always had supportive words and prayers to offer family and friends.

On June 17, 2018, Claudia journeyed peacefully from this life, surrounded by family and prayer. Friends and family will always remember her beautiful spirit and smile. These qualities and the wonderful memories shared shall live on, in her children and grandchildren.

She is survived by her husband, Matthew “Screech” Mason; children: William “Bill” Mason of Shell Creek, ND, Darrin (Kelly) Mason of Max, ND, Albert (Misty) Mason of Fort Washakie, WY, and Reani (Josiah) Jacobs of Shell Creek, ND; adopted son Kacey D. Mahto; step-daughters, Bonnie Jean (Jeff) Mason-Klein of Hazen, ND, Sherry Lynn (Lyle) Zinke of Mercer, ND; her adopted children, the Standing Rock Family; Siblings, Delvin Driver Sr. of Shell Creek, ND, Marvin Driver of Shell Creek, ND, Linda Driver of Four Bears, ND, Evelyn Lone Bear of New Town, Eunice Lone Bear of New Town; and grandchildren: Albert Jr., Hayden, Theron, LaDainain, Janae, Kendryck, Seth, Makoti, Caleb, Matthew-Curtis, Cecelia-Jessie, Kailer-Jah’Kai, Cataleya-Mia Marie, Angela, Amber, John-Paul, Tandra, Jesse, Nicholas, her granddaughter who lived with her for a summer, Tollie Jo Blake, and many nieces & nephews. Claudia was preceded in death by her parents, Jim Driver and Verna Turtlehead Driver; siblings, Edward Driver, Russell Driver, Geneva Driver, Christine Driver, Paul Driver, Sr., Hazel Blake, Dorothy Rabbithead, Frances Driver; mother-in-law, Cecelia Brown; father-in-law, Louis Brown; and brother-in-law, Russell D. Mason, Sr.