

Calvin (Pezina) "Gopher" Littlewind, 55 years old, started his earthly journey on September 18, 1968 in Devils Lake, ND. He started his journey home on December 1, 2023 at his home. He was the son of Joseph Abraham and Catherine Littlewind.



Calvin "Gopher" Littlewind grew up on the Spirit Lake Reservation. He attended the Fort Totten Community School and also Oberon and Cheyenne Schools up to the 8th grade. Calvin, as a young fella, wanted to be with the bigger kids all the time. He enjoyed rodeo and made a 'bucking barrel' to see who could go the highest.

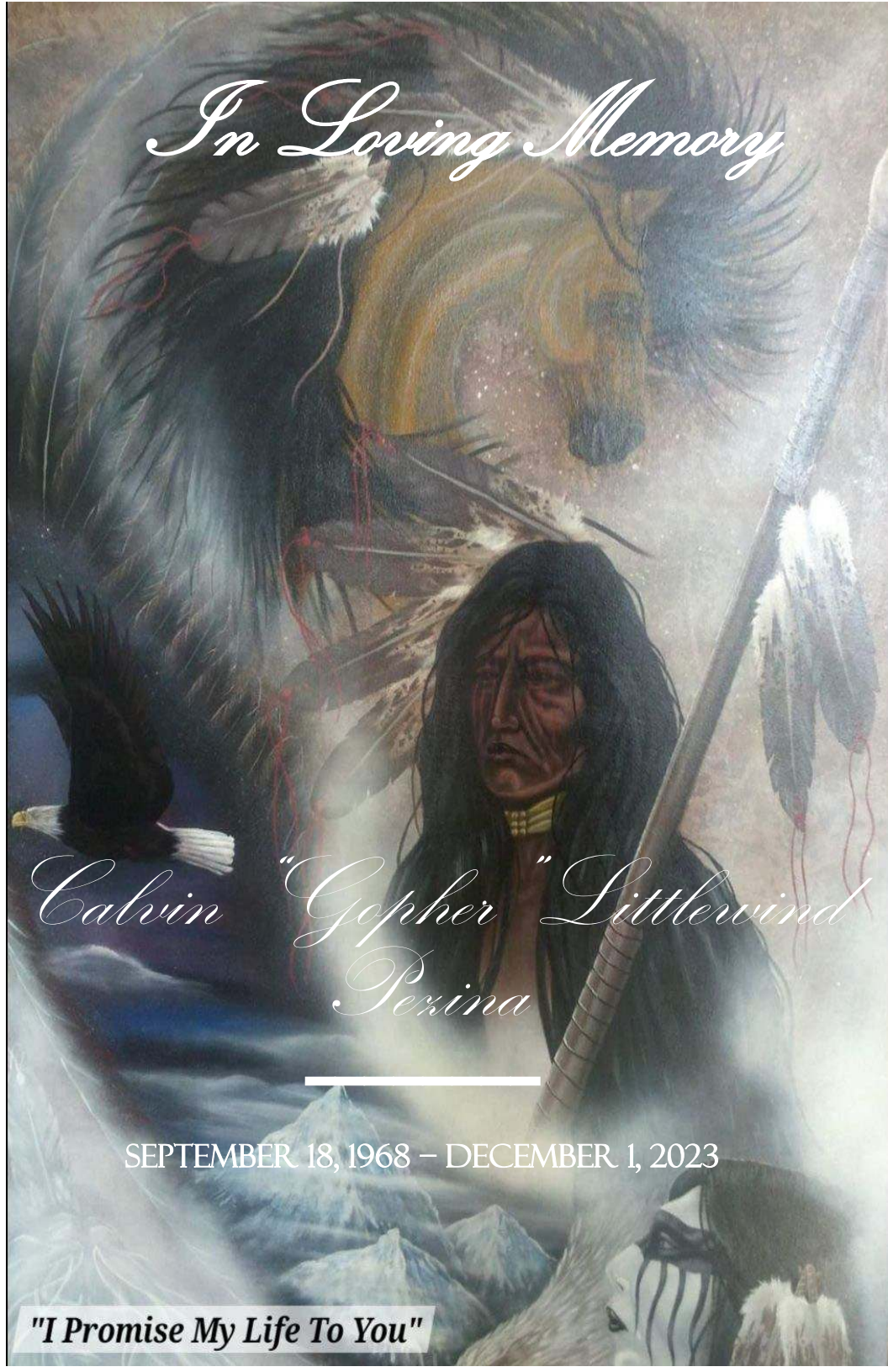
He was a young boxer for a bit. He loved the rodeo and competed in rodeo up to the age of 16. He was also a traditional dancer and danced in pow-wows with his dad. Calvin found his calling in the world of art, becoming a world-famous artist. He found a promoter for his art, S & S Enterprises, after a five-year search. His artwork built the business, and he sold his artwork worldwide. He sold paintings to the Spirit Lake Casino Resort and also did the mural in the Minnewaukan School. He did paintings for the Vocational Rehabilitation Program focusing on victim assistance, becoming a world-famous artist. At the age of 13, he started drawing and began painting and at the age of 18, he began doing ink work, working with the airbrush and was accomplished in the art of tattooing. Calvin sold his artwork at a price that people could afford, never placing a value on his artwork. His artwork pieces always had a spiritual meaning for the people. He just wanted for his artwork to be out there for people to enjoy. At the age of 18 years, he met Della Rene Longie and together they had his first son, Colton Littlewind and two years later, Brandon Littlewind was born. He worked as a carpenter for HUD in his early 20's and also worked as a farm hand for Gordon Nelson. In his later life, Calvin enjoyed visiting his friends and family. He especially enjoyed visiting his siblings and grandchildren. They noted that every time he was leaving, going out the door, he imparted words of wisdom.

Calvin is survived by his children, Colton Littlewind and Brandon Littlewind; his siblings, Richard, Rachel, Eunice and Wesley and twelve grandchildren.

Calvin was preceded in death by his parents, Catherine Littlewind and Joseph Abraham; sister, Jolene Littlewind-Feather; stepfather, Jesse Feather; grandparents, Joseph and Martha (HighElk) Littlewind, Jerome, and Jenny (Mazakahomni) Abraham; brothers, Stanley Littlewind, Kenneth Abraham, Jacob Abraham, Stanley Abraham and Richard Abraham and grandchild, Addonis.

Calvin is a descendent of Canhdeskatawa, Waanatan and Inkpaduta.

The family sends apologies for anyone they may have missed.



In Loving Memory

Calvin "Gopher" Littlewind
Pezina

SEPTEMBER 18, 1968 – DECEMBER 1, 2023

"I Promise My Life To You"



A Cowboys Prayer

Heavenly Father, we pause, mindful of
the many blessings you have bestowed upon us.
We ask that you be with us at this rodeo
keeping us free from harm, both man and beast.
And we pray that you will guide us in the
arena of life. We don't ask for special favors;
we don't ask to draw around a chute-fighting
bull or never to break a barrier.
Nor do we ask for all daylight runs or
not to draw a steer that won't lay.
Help us, Lord, to live our lives in such a manner that
when we make that last inevitable ride to the country up there,
where the grass grows lush, green, and stirrup high,
and the water runs cool, clear, and deep,
that you, as our last judge,
you will tell us that our entry fees are paid.

Celebrating The Life Of *Calvin Peter Littlewind*

September 18, 1968 – Devils Lake, ND
December 1, 2023 – Oberon, ND

WAKE & PRAYER SERVICE

Wednesday, December 6, 2023
Wake 5:00PM ~ Prayer Service 7:00PM
Fort Totten Rec. Center, Fort Totten, ND

FUNERAL SERVICE

Thursday, December 7, 2023 ~ 10:00AM
Fort Totten Rec. Center, Fort Totten, ND

OFFICIATING

Fr. Paul Schuster

MUSIC

All Drum Groups & Music Welcome

PALLBEARERS

Frank Gourd, Whalen Shaw, Jesse Cavanaugh, Robert (Cha)
Cavanaugh, Louie Dubois, David Dunn, Johnnie Littlewind, Darren
Demarce Sr., and Special Casket Bearer Kaelem Lenoir

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Gordon Nelson, David Sherman, Kenny Charboneau Jr., Steven Dane
Cavanaugh, Shawn Charboneau, Josie and Clarice Lawrence, Delphine
Littlewind, Carmen Littlewind, Yvonne "Hopsty" Dubois, Onna Littlewind,
Whalen and Renita Shaw, Kelly McKay, Chaske Family, Arliss Littlewind and
Family, Ashley Lenoir, Catherine Howard, S & S Enterprises, Victor Rainbow,
Vincent and Adele Shaw, Glen Abraham, Lisa & Lance Kimmerly, Randy
Pearson, Davey & Joy Davidson, Raybert "Rocky" Littlewind, Naomi
Littlewind, Brittney Littlewind, Ron and Connie McKay, Dave Robertson,
Calvin Dean (Lolita) Dunn, Ila McKay, Cheryllyn (Alberto) Littlewind, Jason &
Ivy Redman, Richard Littlewind Jr., Tysen Littlewind, Kevin Reggle, David
Reggle, Myra Pearson, Lionel Littlewind, & Robert "Bob" Santos.

BURIAL

St. Jerome's Catholic Cemetery, Fort Totten, ND

Arrangements by
Evans Funeral Home – Carrington & New Rockford, ND
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