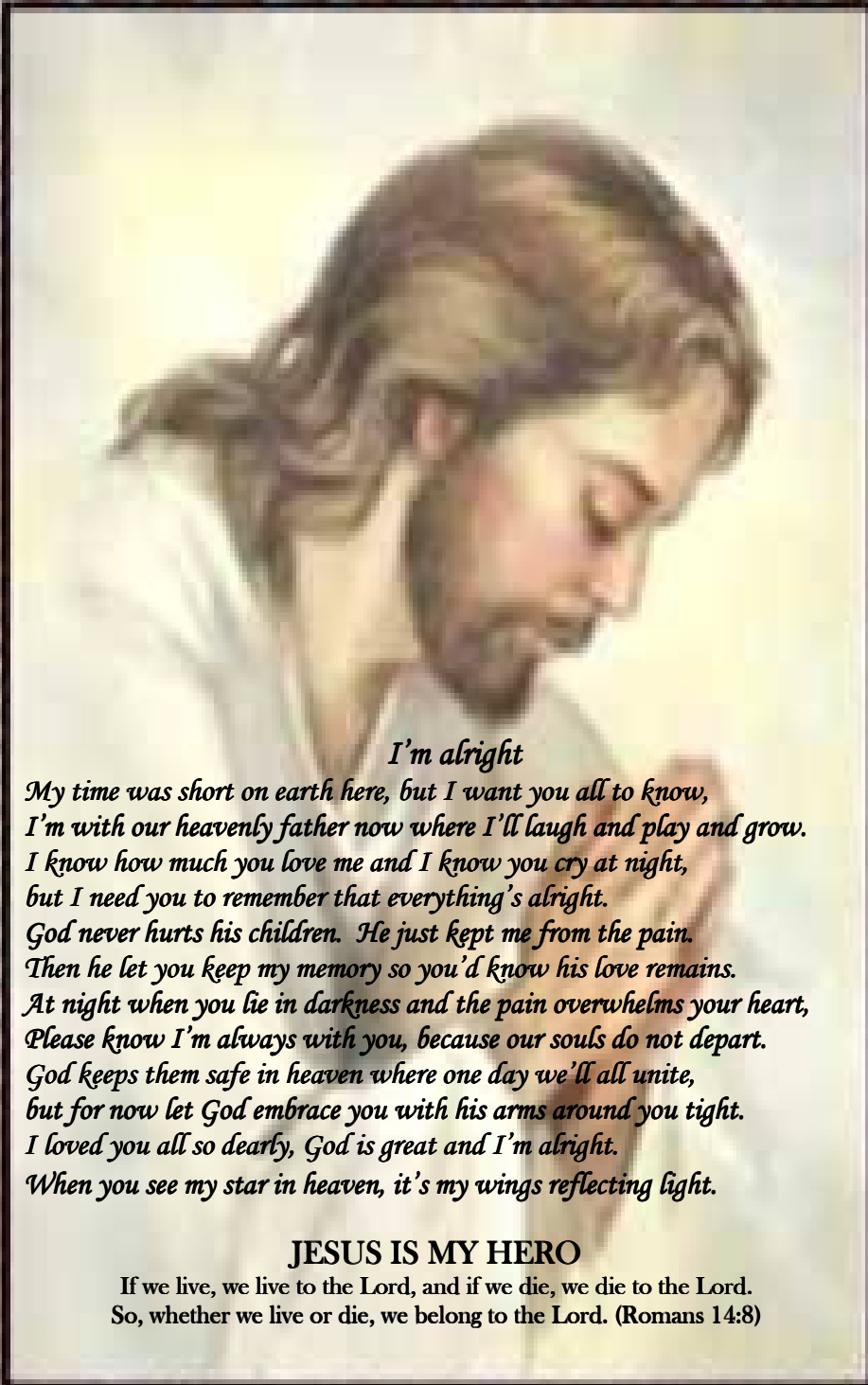


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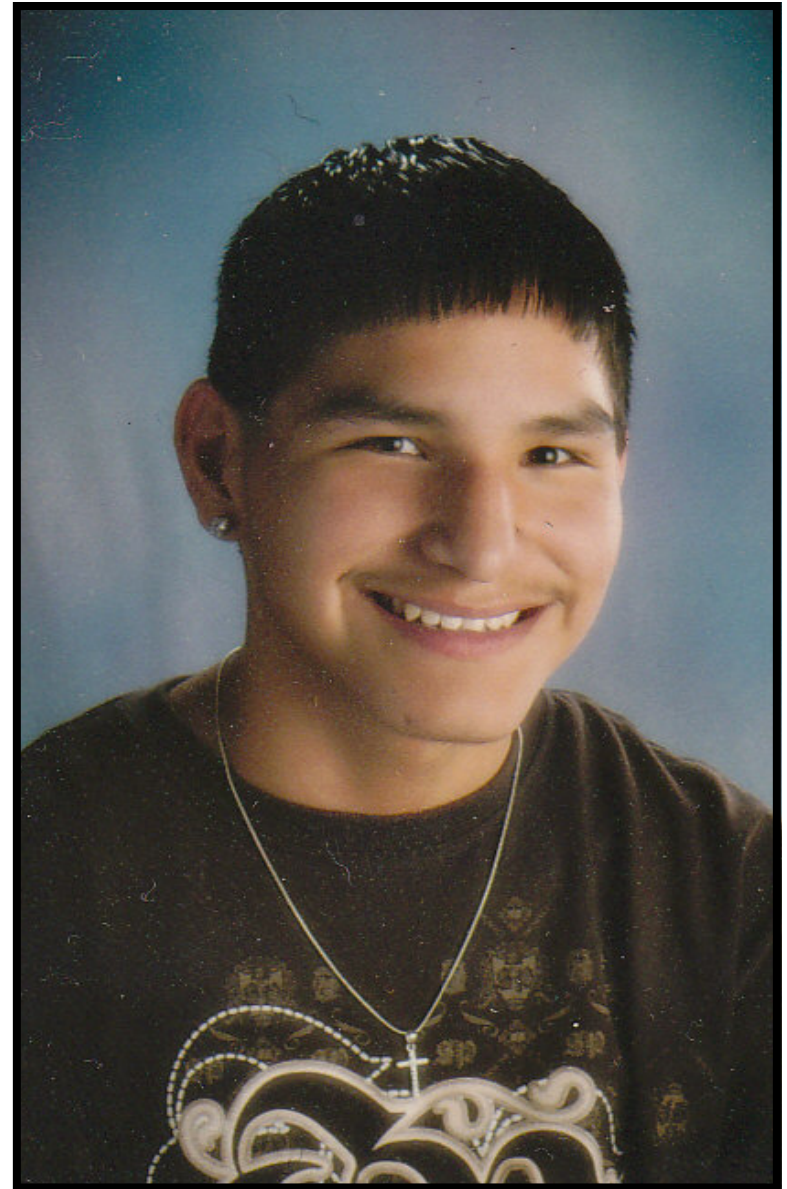


I'm alright

*My time was short on earth here, but I want you all to know,
I'm with our heavenly father now where I'll laugh and play and grow.
I know how much you love me and I know you cry at night,
but I need you to remember that everything's alright.
God never hurts his children. He just kept me from the pain.
Then he let you keep my memory so you'd know his love remains.
At night when you lie in darkness and the pain overwhelms your heart,
Please know I'm always with you, because our souls do not depart.
God keeps them safe in heaven where one day we'll all unite,
but for now let God embrace you with his arms around you tight.
I loved you all so dearly, God is great and I'm alright.
When you see my star in heaven, it's my wings reflecting light.*

JESUS IS MY HERO

If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord.
So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord. (Romans 14:8)



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Preston Murphy Young Bird was born September 6, 1991 in Watford City, ND to Bessie (Mongram) Wells and the late Calvin George Young Bird. Preston came into this world along with his twin brother, Nicholas. Preston departed this life on October 15, 2009. Preston is a child of the Knife Clan.

Preston attended school in Mandaree until 1998, when his family moved to New Town where he was educated at the Edwin Loe Elementary School. Preston attended the Ganado High School, as a junior, in Ganado, Arizona where he lived with his Aunt Terry Mongram. Preston returned to New Town in February of 2009 where he was presently attending the Ma-Adoo-Za-Gidz Alternative Education Program until the time of his passing.

Preston was very active and excelled in many sports in his life, such as basketball, football, wrestling, cross country, and softball. He also traveled with a basketball team as a young man known as the "Bad Boyz." When Preston was in Jr. High, he was running late to the Corey Ihmels Cross Country Meet in Williston, ND. He arrived, as the race was just about to begin and did not have time to stretch but just tie his running shoes. As soon as he got to the starting line the race began, however, Preston was able to place 2nd in a field of over 50 runners.

Preston received many awards for his efforts in all the sports he participated in at Elementary, Jr. High, and Sr. High levels. Preston also qualified at the National Cross Country level in Ames, Iowa when he was in elementary school. Preston was a very competitive athlete in every sport he participated.

Preston was close with his twin brother Nicholas. On many occasions ended up competing against each other in sports such as cross-country or wrestling. One occasion, they ended up in the championship round in the Killdeer Cowboy Elementary Invitational Wrestling tournament. It was a very competitive match with Preston being the winner. However, the match did not end there as when they returned home, the match continued on the living room floor. Being a twin did have its advantages as Preston was obligated to a prom but was unable to attend, so his twin brother Nicholas stepped in to save the day (twice).

Along with participating in sports, Preston also enjoyed watching sports. His favorite basketball athletes were Michael Jordan and LeBron James. He also liked playing his X-Box video games and liked playing with his friends and his little brother Jady. Preston also loved listening to Rap Music. His favorite rappers he enjoyed were Tu Pac Shakur, The Game, Lil Wayne, Freekey Zeckey, and Lil Boosie. He loved shaking the house with his loud music.

Preston always had time for family and friends. Preston enjoyed "hanging out" with his friends or "cruising around." He was very fond of his little niece Lexi. Preston was always a helpful individual, not hesitating to help whenever asked.

Preston was known for his big smile he shared with his family or friends or when his step dad made Spaghetti, as this was one of his favorite foods. Preston's smile and personality will be missed by his family, friends especially his niece Lexi and little brother Jady whom he treasured dearly. He always had time to shoot ball or throwing the football with him in the front yard.

Although Preston's time on this earth was a short eighteen years, he fulfilled a lifetime of experiences.

Our beloved son, brother, grandson, uncle, nephew and friend will be missed dearly.

He leaves behind his parents; Bessie and Barlow Wells, sisters, Natasha (Larry Azure) Young Bird, Joni Wells, brothers, Nicholas Young Bird (twin) Jayden, Barclay Wells of New Town, ND, Clement (C.J.) Wells of Williston, ND. Niece, Lexi Jade Azure, New Town, ND. His maternal great grandmother, Polly Mongram, New Town, ND grandmother, Evangeline Mongram, Minot, ND, his paternal grandparents, Marcus and Rezilda Wells of New Town, ND., paternal grandmother, Veronica Serdahl of Mandaree, ND. Maternal aunts and uncle, Vanessa (Chad) Overlie, Bismarck, ND, Sarah (Wesley) Garrett, Minot, ND, Rosemarie (Alex) Ramirez, East Grand Forks, MN, Wamblee Wea Red Feather, Minot, ND, maternal uncle, Merlin Red Feather, Minot, ND, his paternal aunts Angela Young Bird, Marci Wells, New Town, ND, Sharissa Wells, Bismarck ND. Paternal uncles; Murphy Young Bird, Marcus Levings, New Town, ND, Cody and Laramie Serdahl, Mandaree, ND. He also leaves many cousins and extended family.

Strikes the Buffalo continues his journey into the spirit world with his father, Calvin George Young Bird, his paternal grandfathers, Afton Young Bird, Steve Serdahl. His great grandparents, Matthew and Belva (Rush) Young Bird, Inez (Lone Fight) White Owl and Murphy Bell. His uncle Carlisle (Boosie) Wells. Maternal grandfather, Eddie Good Bird. Great grandparents; Charlotte Young, and Emery Good Bird, great grandfather Leon Mongram.

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Wake Services

Sunday, October 18, 2009 (5:00 p.m)
Water Chief Hall
Mandaree, ND

Funeral Services

Monday, October 19, 2009 (11:00 a.m.)
Water Chief Hall
Mandaree, ND

Officiating

Pastor Cary Enno

Interment

St. Anthony's Catholic Church
Mandaree, ND

Senior Pallbearer

Roger Grady

Music

All Welcome

Active Pallbearers

Garrett Young Bird	Chris Lone Bear
Tommy Wounded Face	Eddie Bert Good Bird
Jonathan Young Bird	Garrett Fox
William (Chubbas) White Owl	Tylen Fox

Honorary Pallbearers

All Friends and Relatives to numerous to mention

Dalton Shival	Chris Iron Shield	Virgil Standing Crow	Mariama Touchine
Dustin Irwin	Brandon Thunder Cloud	Kalolo Iu	Harriet Robertson
Blaine Star	Dakota McCarty	Tate White	Danica Lone Bear
Aaron Wounded Face	Kenneth Conklin	Preston McDonald	Shyenne Lone Bear
Vince Packineau	Samantha Hoffman	Chad Fox	Callie Fox
Aaron Young Bird	J.C. Young Bird	Greg Bad Hawk	Jaylynn Crows Breast
Raven Hale	John Smith	Scotty Bird	Justine High Horse
Marcus Lone Bear Jr.	KoTa Lyson	Eli Drags Wolf	Morgan Howling Wolf
Aurora Snow	Chris Houle	Travis James	Shanell La Croix
Krista Houle	Troy Yazzie	Damian Ben	Taneesha Yazzie
Mitchell Fox	Garrett Smith	Christian Chevarillo	Michelle Lincoln
Heather White Tail	Ryan Smith	Alyssa Starr	Shailee Fredericks
Conrad DeMarce	Stanford Sitting Crow	Amanda Jackson	Bianca Makes Him First
Eagle Scout Irwin	Damon Hopkins	Bailey Thomas	Sasha Snow
Adam Bacon	Cody Bear	Brooke Lyson	J.P. Bad Hawk