

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF

Lorenzo Kelly Spotted Bear

Funeral Services

Wednesday December 3, 2025 - 10 AM CST
Twin Buttes Wellness Center | Twin Buttes ND

Final Resting Place

Spotted Bear Family Cemetery | Twin Buttes, ND

Officiant

Pastor Kevin Finley

Senior Pallbearer

Hank Starr

Active Pallbearers

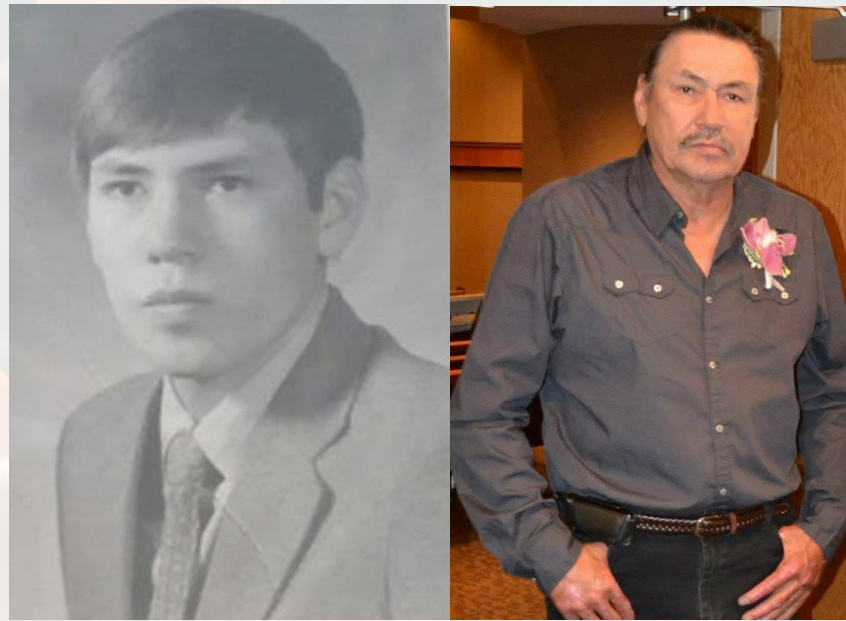
Hunter Spotted Bear, Arrow Spotted Bear, Jay Stevenson, Caleb Sage,
Brittann Schettler, Bronson Benson, Chad Dahlen, Whitney Bell,
Cliff Mossett III, Jess Hall, Marty Young Bear, Lyon Wolding

Honorary Pallbearers

Virgil Eagle, Bill Jacobs, Clayton Young Bear, Wendell & Arvella White, Pete Young Bird, Emanuel Chase Family, Ted & Sherry Lonefight, Ivan Johnson family, Jim & Wanda Mossett, Cliff Mossett Jr., Clinton Young Bear, Sherry Gillette, Rosie Johnson, Bill Wells, Leone White, Bruce Gillette, Maynard Demaray, Josh Sage, Jeb Fredericks, Delmar Wilson, Pete Lonefight, Dave Williams, Kyle Mandan, Paul Fredericks, Tony Johnson, Cameron Smith, Todd McKenzie, Kipp Cartier, Veronica Serdahl, Lyda Bearstail, Arby Little Soldier, Donald McKenzie, Roni Brugh, Aaron Vee, Merrill Mann, Tootsie Jacobs, Monte Billadeau, Ziggy Jackson, Svea Lazor, Ronald D. Young Bear, Anita Geglemen, Valerie Demaray, Mike Mossett, Elaine Wilson, Lonnie Burr, Kenny Fredericks Jr., Sharon Jacobs, Jim Cardinal, Kenny Stevenson, Todd Price, Bill Cardinall, Mark Fox, Dianne Primeaux, Pete Coffey II, Mike Goetz, Danny Peltier, Lisa Redford, Robbie Iron-Boulder, Bernie Fox, Richard Gillette, Neil Hale, Herman Mongram, Esley Thorton, Core Hopkins, Spencer Wilkinson, Sr. Spencer Wilkinson Jr., Laddie Avery, Daryl Finley, Clancie Bearsghost, Susie Paulson, and all his many wonderful friends and relatives. Kelly had so many dear friends and was born into a very large family so we ask that you forgive us if we have forgotten anyone. It was not our intention as we go through this difficult time.

Arrangements

Fulkerson Funeral Home | Watford City, ND



I will walk with you.

I will protect you.

I will love you.

When a song comes on that
makes you think of me, don't cry.

Sing along and I will be singing
with you, strumming my guitar.

My heart is at peace.

I'm alive and well here,
in the Happy Hunting Grounds.

Look out for one another.

Embrace. Love. Listen. Learn.

I am with you, always.

In Loving Memory
The Man. The Myth. The Legend.

Lorenzo Kelly Spotted Bear

Old Bear Looking Back
(Matóxihe Įkaráptah)

August 3, 1953 - November 29, 2025

Lorenzo Kelly Spotted Bear, Old Bear Looking Back (Matóxihe [karáptah]) was a member of the Flint Knife Clan, born to Lorenzo "Larry" Spotted Bear and Olive "Ollie" Sholaas on August 3, 1953 in Richardton, ND. Kelly, as most people knew him by, attended elementary school in both Stephan, SD and New Town, ND. He went to Middle School in Twin Buttes, ND and High School in Halliday, ND where he graduated in 1971.

During high school, he worked in Twin Buttes and Halliday area as a ranch hand working with horses, fixing fence, cutting hay, and running heavy equipment. After high school Kelly started working for the oil field and joined the rodeo circuit bulldogging and bull riding where he made lifelong friendships. A lot of wonderful stories came from these endeavors.

In 1976 there was a devastating earthquake in Guatemala, and a few months later Kelly, Bruce Gillette, and Jim Mossett went as missionaries with the United Methodist Church out of Canada as they worked with all Canadians and with the Canadian embassy to help reconstruct the villages by building small, prefabricated houses and restoring buildings. Their trip was cut short when Bruce unfortunately hurt his leg, and instead of sending him back on his own, Kelly and Jim came home with him.

In the late 80's Kelly moved to Mandaree with his lifelong companion DeeDee, and for a short time he worked at Limited Corporation Manufacturing (LCM) doing carpentry and construction alongside Kenny Stevenson and the late Jerry Stevenson. In the early 90's he started working with the Mandaree Roads Department alongside Art Smith, Bill Hale, Virgil Eagle, Rudy Sanderson, and Fred Smith. He was active as a Heavy Equipment Operator for many years. Whether it was the weekday or a weekend, regardless if it was blizzarding or if his car was under 5 feet of snow, Kelly Spot would make the trek on foot to the roads department, and take out the blade to clear roads and driveways for the elders in the winter-time or fix potholes and make sure the roads were safe and well-kept for vehicles. He always made big snow piles around town for the kids to play on making sure the biggest pile was right by his house for his kids. He would go as far east as McKenzie Bay, far north past Carlin Rave's down in Bear Den, and far south past Manuel Chases making sure our community had access to anything and everything. He had a big heart and cared deeply about his community.

Kelly and DeeDee had the opportunity to travel with their daughter Wind Spirit to Hawaii when she was in high school, as she was set to take part in the USA Hawaiian Classic basketball tournament. They immediately made friends with the locals who showed them around the island of Oahu, giving Kelly and DeeDee the most amazing experience from a local's perspective. Kelly and DeeDee would wake up early and walk along the shores of the Pacific Ocean. Kelly would fill his bag with the seashells he'd collect along the way, enjoying the ocean air, and occasionally coming across marine life. This was one trip Kelly loved to share and reminisce about. He loved everything about his journey to Hawaii with DeeDee and his daughter.

Kelly and DeeDee worked with Dennis Hurkes' contracting business for a short time building houses around the MHA nation and then Kelly and his son Hjalmer worked alongside Shannon Hale for the tribe going around to all the MHA Segments installing doors and windows in homes as part of a renovation project. Kelly loved doing this type of work.



Later, Kelly was hired on as the manager for the Mandaree Bison Ranch, alongside his good friend Rocky Avery, his son Hjalmer, and his little buddy Kalolo IU, under the direction of his other good friend Ted Lonefight III. He loved working and caring for the bison and elk. They took great pride in this work and truly cared for the bison. Kelly had a great respect for these animals and always made it known to any visitors who would stay on the property that they also needed to respect these majestic beings. Some of the best stories came from this time in his life.

Kelly retired shortly after this and spent his remaining days at his home in Mandaree doing projects, working on vehicles, going to the lake, visiting relatives, enjoying the local celebrations, playing his guitar, and spending time with his children and grandchildren. He loved his babies deeply and was beyond proud everyone of them. Kelly's greatest joy was his grandchildren. He loved when they'd come to visit. He'd turn into a big loving teddy bear and his voice would go up 8 octaves when he teased with the babies.

Throughout his life, Kelly was an avid hunter, fisherman, guitarist, and an exceptional athlete. Much of these traits passed on to his children and grandchildren. He loved reading books and retained so much knowledge which made for a great conversation. He enjoyed solving strategic puzzles like the Rubik's Cube, and he and DeeDee enjoyed playing board games with their kids and taught them a lot of card games. You could find Kelly sitting at the table playing solitaire and drinking his coffee in the mornings. Kelly enjoyed watching movies with his family and playing hide and seek with them growing up. He even went as far as dressing up as the easter bunny for the kids one year hopping through the hills. He did so much for his children. He truly was the best dad and grandpa.

In everything he did, Kelly did it with a big heart. Many would refer to him as "the legend" or "a mountain of a man." His friends would say, "Kelly Spot is a good man who loves his family. He had old style values, and respect for our elders." He would visit often with his elders to hear stories about his dad and his hometown of Twin Buttes. He loved taking his children to the lake to camp and always made sure to visit his homelands of Twin Buttes, where much of his family stems from. He would shake your hand and greet you with big hello, a teaching he passed on to his children.

Of all the things he was known for, Kelly's love for music and sharing it with his family and friends was his greatest attribute. He loved playing guitar and singing with his buddies and his sons. Many of his buddies would say, "the party didn't start until Kelly Spot started playing his guitar." He was known to change the words to popular songs and add his own words to make the songs more personal and heartfelt. He was a self-taught guitar player who learned to play by ear. He didn't read music, but he knew every chord and passed these teachings down to his children and his buddies and nephews who contribute much of their success as musicians to him. Kelly's children would tell you that some of their favorite memories of their dad was how he would sing for them and have his own little concert in their home. To his last days, you would hear him humming a tune, or singing to his grand babies, putting them to sleep with his deep, calming voice. To them, he was one of the greatest musicians to walk the earth. He was always there for his children. Always teaching. Always sacrificing. Always protecting.

Lorenzo Kelly Spotted Bear of Mandaree -Twin Buttes, ND, passed away at age 72 on November 29, 2025 at his residence in Mandaree, North Dakota. "Kelly Spot" will always be remembered for his love of music and for the kind, caring, respectful human he was. His legacy will live on through stories and memoirs shared by his family, friends, children, grandchildren, siblings, and most of all his best friend and love of his life for 43 years, DeeDee.



He was preceded in death by his Paternal Grandparents Justin Spotted Bear Sr. and Stella Tail, and his Maternal Grandparents Ingwald and Mary Sholaas; Parents Lorenzo "Larry" Spotted Bear and Olive "Ollie" Sholaas; Sisters - Janet "Gertsy" Gunderson, Sandy "Spook" Spotted Bear, Alyce Spotted Bear, Karen Lynch; Rhonda Schettler; Brother - Marty Benson; Daughter - Boe Wolf; Son - Clay Spotted Bear; Grandson Michael Grieves.

He is survived by his companion DeeDee Mossett; Siblings: Sisters - Marian Spotted Bear-Cook, Ivetta (David) Holding Eagle, Helyn (Mark Erickson) Zarfos, Roberta (Dennis) Dahlen, Julie Beston; Brothers - Lonnie (Diana) Spotted Bear, Barry Benson, Sal Beston, Jimmy "Chicken" Morsette; Children: Sons - Cory (Sierra) Spotted Bear, Delmar Sheppard, Denver (Jade) Spotted Bear, Justin Spotted Bear, Hjalmer Spotted Bear; Daughters - Wind Spirit (Jess Hall) Spotted Bear, Olivia "Ollie" Spotted Bear; 24 Grandchildren - Morning Grace, Sháhkohe, Niibwin, Selena, Delmari, Daemar, Amaya, Aurora, Maddy, Arrow, Numákshi, Kaydence, Ezra, Kalee, Elyza, Jaden, Hunter, Hailey, Thaddeus, Brooky, Journey, Feather, Náske, Jaydon; Great Grandson - Dameric