



### *A Native Prayer*

*Oh Great Spirit, whose voice I hear in the wind.  
 I am small and weak, I need your strength and wisdom.  
 Make my eyes ever behold the red and purple sunset.  
 Make my hands respect the things you have made.  
 And my ears sharp to your voice.  
 Make me wise that I may know the things you have taught your children.  
 The lessons you have written in every leaf and rock,  
 Make me strong. Not to be superior to my brothers  
 But to fight my greatest enemy,  
 Myself...  
 Make me ever ready to come to you with straight eyes  
 So that when life fades as the fading sunset  
 My spirit may come to you without shame.*

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## *Celebrating the Life of*



# *Giles "Gabby" Bullshields*

*June 1, 1952 ~ March 26, 2021*

It is with deep sadness the family of **GILES "GABBY" BULLSHIELDS** announce his passing. He began his spiritual journey on March 26, 2021 at the Foothills Hospital in Calgary, AB. Giles leaves to mourn his fiance/honey, Christie Salo; his children, Melanie Wolf Child, Rebecca (Rodrigo) Cruz-Bullshields, Gaio "Bear" (Stacy), and Anna; his grandchildren, Rayley, Hailey, Ventura, Sophia, Autumn, Emma and Kiaayo. His great grandchildren, Adrianna and Mikey; his siblings, Wesley, Marlene, Sonny, Sandra, Diane, Pauline, Melinda, Jeffrey, Muriel, Charles "Chucky", Newton, and Greg & Marilyn Consentino. Giles had numerous adopted family from the state of California, as this is where he spent the majority of his life. Giles was predeceased by his father, Herbert Bullshields and his mother Elizabeth Holy Whiteman; his uncles Charlie (Irene) Bullshields, Thomas; great uncle, Roger Bullshields; grandfather, Chris Bullshields; and grandmother, Rosie (George) Small Eyes; his siblings, Peggy, Joyce, Ronnie, Veronica "Wendy", Beatrice, Killian and Kobin and Leonard and numerous aunts/uncles from both sides of the family. We would like to acknowledge his extended families, whom he had love for and in return received love, support and kindness: Bullshields, Eagle Child, Crazy Boy, Wolf Plume, Russell, Small Eyes, Shouting, Holy White Man, Panther Bone, and his many family and friends from California and all of Turtle Island. He will be sadly missed by all who knew him. Giles Herbert "Gabby" Bullshields Jr. was born on June 1, 1952 on the Blood Reserve to Herbert and Elizabeth Bullshields. They owned a large section of property so they had many horses. Herbert purchased Giles a horse named "Winter Burn" and that started his love of animals. He was so happy to be given the fortune of a rich foundation in his culture and traditions. His dad also taught him to chicken dance and introduced him onto the pow-wow trail. Giles' life changed when he was forced to go to the residential school. He kept running away because he refused to give up his language and culture. We all know the trauma our families have experienced. Giles eventually had a daughter, Melanie Wolf Child, but her family did not accept him, so his grandfather told him it would be better to leave, so he never had the opportunity to know his daughter. Giles first went to Washington, where he made the decision to walk a sober path. He did a vision quest where a sweat lodge and its ceremonies were given to him. Shortly thereafter, he ventured to Northern California. He met Henry Tyler, who was a pipe carrier, roadman, and medicine man for the Arapaho Nation. Giles helped him for many years, until Henry passed on the sweat lodge to him. Henry transferred to Giles a pipe to be used to assist all those that need help. In January of 1990, Giles met Beth, who gave him three beautiful children; Rebecca born on November 23, 1990 – she now has three children Ventura, Sophia and Emma; Gaio was born May 29, 1993– he now has two children, Autumn and Kiaayo; Anna was born May 31, 1995. Giles was so happy to become a grandfather and treasured every moment he got to spend with them. When Rebecca was approximately one year old, Giles met Greg Consentino, through Henry, Henry told them they needed to help each other, their journey and lifelong friendship began. When Na ah came to visit Giles, she did a ceremony pushing Greg into the next stage of his life with Giles as his brother. Giles came down to live with us. They brain tanned hides together and powwowed together every opportunity they had. Na ah even came down and travelled and danced the powwow trail with them for months. Marilyn had a vision about a sweat lodge in our backyard, that remains here. Giles and Greg ran the sweat, Giles doctored and helped many people. Giles never forgot where he came from. He always spoke about returning to the Blood Reserve. In 2018, Giles returned to his homeland and settled on the family property. He spent the remainder of his time reconnecting with his family and rebuilding his family home. Now we pray he is chicken dancing with his ancestors. We will always cherish our time spent with him. He leaves behind a legacy of love and healing.

### **Wake Service**

Legacy Funeral Home, Cardston, Alberta  
 Monday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021 from 6:00 - 8:00 pm  
 Open Prayers  
 Music  
 Obituary  
 Tributes  
 Slide Show

### **Funeral Service**

Legacy Funeral Home, Cardston, Alberta  
 Visitation from 9:00 - 11:00 am  
 Tuesday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 11:00 am

**Officiating: Raymond Many Bears**  
**Music: Craig Day Chief, Newton Bullshields,**  
**Kevin Plaited Hair & Cameron Chief Calf**

### **Order of Service**

Elder's Prayer.....Raymond Many Bears  
 Song.....Shawn Bullshields - Owns Different Horses  
 Obituary Reading.....Paula Weasel Head  
 Open Tributes.....Katie Bullshields  
 Slide Show.....  
 Closing Song.....Newton Bullshields

### **Pallbearers**

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|------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|
| Bear Bullshields       | Roland Weasel Head | Lydell Bullshields      |
| Mario Many Fingers     | Joe Panther Bone   | Everett Prairie Chicken |
| Clinton Medicine Crane | Wesley Bullshields | Sonny Bullshields       |

**Interment** in St. Catherine's Cemetery, Stand Off, AB  
 Singers: Newton Bullshields,  
 Kevin Plaited Hair & Cameron Chief Calf

