



David Emil Little

December 22, 2017

David, residing in the city of "brotherly love", died peacefully the morning of Friday, December 22, 2017, at the Philadelphia VA Medical Center after a short illness while surrounded by his sister and niece. David was born January 24th, 1958 in Port Allegany, PA. to the late Orville John Little and the late Cynthia Eugene (nee McDonald) Swift. David was a United States Air Force veteran. He was also a man of many hats. He was an enrolled American Indian of the Lakota Tribe. He enjoyed traveling around the country, making his mark and leaving his life stories in the ears and hearts of many all over the country. His passion in life was helping others in need, always putting others before himself. He enjoyed restoring old furniture and canoes, getting to know people wherever he went and making them laugh. He turned people's struggles into smiles, was a talented photographer. He attended Philadelphia Community College earning a degree in the sciences and in photography. In addition, David was a member of his local American Legion (Sons of Veterans).

David is survived by his only son, Luke Four Winds Little of Philadelphia, PA., three sisters in New York - Sharon Woodworth of Allegany, Tina Brown of Olean, and Tammy Davies (Dennis) of Great Valley; two brothers - Steven Little and William Swift, both of Salamanca, NY.

David is predeceased by the love of his life, Lori Ann Eill (in 2000); two brothers - Randy Swift and Kenneth Little (in 1965); maternal grandparents Velma and Claire McDonald; paternal grandparents Wallace and Willowmina Little.

Services and interment will be held at a later date in Pine Ridge, South Dakota.

Donations in David's memory may be sent to any veteran's associations or to Catholic Charities. Please put David Little Sky as the name for the memorial donation. Thank You.

Tribute Wall

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“ I met David then Lori many years ago before Luke Four Winds Little was a gleam in his daddy's eyes. Both lived with me at "5940" with Luke being but a baby. Later, after they moved I kept in touch with all three. Lori moved to Harrisburg but David stayed in Philadelphia raising Little Luke. Luke became a part of my family often playing with my granddaughter Britt.

My heart goes out to this family and especially to Luke who has lost both his parents. I'm trying to get in touch with Luke and would appreciate hearing from him or about him.

Sami Buisson-Daniel (you can find me on facebook)

Sami Buisson-Daniel - August 02, 2018 at 11:10 AM

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“ Met David at the tavern where I work two summers ago. He was larger than life, arrived like a whirlwind into my life, driving that big truck down my small street and hanging out in my hammock till I'd arrive home or wake up. He'd have flowers he'd filched, or some small gift, and we'd sit, the 3 of us and my many pets, in the back yard for lengthy storytelling and a bbq of some sort. He broke all the rules, told all the stories, had all the fun... I loved him immediately, yet he terrified me too. Completely unpredictable, I never knew what he might do. I imagine he swaggered into everyone's lives like that, a rollicking fun demigod, deciding what they needed and then making that happen in their lives whether they wanted that or not.... We tubed down the Wissahickon that summer solstice, lovely hilarious evening, floating slowly into the sunset, laughing and telling stories, a memory I'll always cherish. He helped me that summer to get a troubled vet into the right program and a better life, and he arrived like a storm trooper this past spring to help me take down a chicken coop in my back yard, swinging a sawzall and cutting that coop down like it was butter. The world couldn't contain him, I guess his spirit was too large for his body, and I picture him now looking down and laughing at us all, our petty rules and small contained lives... he lived larger than most of us can even dream. My heart goes out to his family, his friends, and the rest of the world whose lives were charged by his joie de vivre.

Kathy Detwiler - March 13, 2018 at 05:47 AM

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casandra williams (niece) - December 29, 2017 at 12:05 PM

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“ David had put fish in my mothers tub in Buffalo, for a fish pond and my children thought the fish needed to be washed so the children used shampoo on the fish. All David said to the boys was well the fish are cleaned now.

carrie goodwill - December 29, 2017 at 09:25 AM

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lol. Carrie he said he wanted to go fishing omg what did casandra find in his stocking a fish

Sharon (sister) - December 31, 2017 at 07:12 AM

Sharon
Little
Woodwort

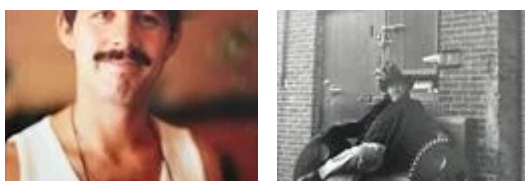
“ To my Brother- I love you so much!!!! Through good times and bad you were always there for me and I for you. I know you are in a better place and not suffering, it is not easy. I not only lost you I lost my friend. My life without you is forever changed. Sissy loves you . My heart aches beyond control . As I left Philadelphia yesterday the tears could not stay with in me. You kept me going . You were always a drifter and loved your free spirt life. I admired you for that. You held your struggles within. You loved so many and I am blessed to have meet a handful of amazing people who you not only helped them. They helped you. You touched so many lives and I am honored to have you as my hero. I will forever watch over Luke . You instilled so many great qualities in him. I know you never gave up during your rough times. Your service in and out of the Air Force. Love you brother .

We will meet again and I will hold you so tight.

You are safe with Family and friends.

Love (Sissy)

Sharon



Sharon Little Woodworth - December 29, 2017 at 08:41 AM

PS

I am in total shock to find out today that David has passed away. I was in Alaska and recently returned. He was a dear friend. We love him so much. I can't believe he is gone.

Pauline Saribas - February 09, 2018 at 04:28 AM