



Joseph Perry Chamberlain

August 28, 1961 - August 13, 2022

Joseph Perry Chamberlain, 60, passed away on August 13th, 2022 at his home in Tulsa, Oklahoma with his family by his side. Joe was born on August 28th, 1961 to Earl and Myrtle Frederick in Wagner, South Dakota. Joe was a multi-talented, self taught Yankton Sioux Artist whose art told stories. Through his pencil, ink, watercolor, charcoal, and acrylic he created many drawings, murals, clothing, books, album covers, and much more, in other words, Joe did it all! He wasn't just an artist; he was a motivational speaker, activist, and a recovering coach promoting sobriety and well-being in the native community for the past 23 years. He has helped many people see the Red Road. For the past 16 years, the most important person in Joe's life was his grandson L.J. It didn't matter what or where Joe was, anytime L.J. called everything was put on hold. Whatever L.J. needed or wanted he always made sure it happened. Joe loved his "Big Boy" unconditionally. Joe was a very well known person for his generosity, humor, laughter, and his big smile. His voice was definitely heard and will always be heard. Through the years, he hosted and helped with many taco dinners. Joe leaves to cherish his memories, his long time friend, Rebecca Battiest of Tulsa; daughters, Jonita Battiest, Sally Battiest, and Oleta Brown all of Tulsa; his grandchildren, Naomi Battiest, Rochelle Battiest, Audrey Battiest, Chelsea Battiest, Jesse Battiest, Alejandro Battiest, Roberto Madrano, and Rosa Medrano (deceased) all of Tulsa; long time friend, Mary Lunsford of Ada; daughters, Amy Baker, Victoria Barnosky, Sioux Barnosky all of Ada, and a host many other relatives and friends. Joe will be forever

missed and never forgotten. We love you Poppa Joe!

Previous Events

Wake

AUG **17**. 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Tulsa Indian UNited Methodist Church
1911 N College
Tulsa, OK 74110

Funeral

AUG **18**. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ We called each other long lost Cousins. We meet on social media I ask joe if he can make a small mural for a empty spot on my living room wall. Joe ask me a few questions on what i like and this is what he came up with. I did not know joe personally but what i did know he was a kind gentleman and loved his grandson very much. So i sent him some money and he came up with this beautiful 😍 piece of art!! Thank you Joe it will forever hang on my wall My Yankton Sioux skin ❤️



Tanya - January 02, 2023 at 01:25 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Joseph Perry Chamberlain.



August 17, 2022 at 05:38 PM

NH

“ *First time we met, we made a trade, sweet grass for a painting and from then on, we always sat and talked when we seen each other. I remember when you spoke about someone thinking you were a deacon, lol, that almost scared you lol. Reality you were a care giver for all whom you met, unselfishly giving of yourself, that's why people took to you, listen to you and always were happy to see you. You will be missed my friend. Until we meet again, rest well, your on that Good Red Road for life. Thank you for generosity.*

Nelson Harjo - August 17, 2022 at 01:51 PM

JT

Joe.. my bro.. my friend.. So many memories.. Visiting at my home, laughing and talking until 2 in the morning about the things that matter.. hours long phone conversations, talking about everything from art, to history to personal struggles.. strategizing about new artistic projects.. working together on album and book covers.. rolling together to events.... just so many memories and good times. There is a void in my world now that your spirit has slipped beyond the veil bro. I selfishly wanted more.. more laughs, more prayers, more talks, more time. I just wanted more time Joe. I love you bro, and I miss you. Journey well my brother. Journey well....

John Two-Hawks - August 18, 2022 at 11:32 PM

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I remember your smile and kindness at the powwows. You left a good impression on a lot of people. You were a good man.

Erica Starkey (Harlan) - September 07, 2024 at 07:44 PM

CB

I just recently learned of Jo's passing. The news of it made my heart break, even now, as I write this, tears just streaming down my face as I remember his smile and laughter and all the good times we used to share together a long time ago. Through the years, time just got away from us. I will miss you, Jo, deeply so. Much love to you and your family.

Chana Bivens - September 24, 2025 at 01:46 PM