



## Little Pony Eagle

January 19, 1923 - October 31, 2012

Dateline: Godfrey

Little Pony Eagle, 89, of Godfrey, died at 5:45 p.m. Wednesday, October 31, 2012 at Jefferson Barracks Hospital in St. Louis, MO. Born January 19, 1923 in St. Joseph, MO, he was the son of Red Eagle and Goldie (Owen) Eagle. When he was 16 he received his promotion certificate from Roosevelt Junior High School and was believed to be the first true American Indian ever to graduate from an Alton public school. He served in the U.S. Army with the 5th Bomber Command during WWII in the Pacific Theatre and earned 5 Bronze Stars and a Good Conduct Medal. After his discharge from the Army in 1945, he attended Shurtleff College where he graduated with a degree in engineering. He retired as an engineer from McDonnell Douglas where in the 1960's he worked on the Gemini Project. He was a Shriner and a 32nd Degree Mason with the Piasa Masonic Lodge #27 A.F. & A.M. His wife, Hazel (Fines) Eagle, preceded him in death on November 20, 2002. Surviving are two sisters, Eagle Feather Barker of Godfrey, and Two-Star Eagle of Alton, nine nieces and nephews, Monica Star Jerrells, Traci Dale Barker, Derrick Tyler Barker, Thomas Eagle DeMond, Lance J. DeMond (Nancy), Jeffrey Val DeMond, Rexford Jason DeMond, Bene' Star Hentrich (Andy), and Lezlie Monique Kearney (Tim), and 12 great nieces and nephews. A memorial visitation will be from 10:00 a.m. until Masonic Service at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, November 3, 2012 at Gent Funeral Home in Alton. Burial will be at Valhalla Memorial Park in Godfrey with full military honors. Memorials may be made to

Red Cloud Indian School, 100 Mission Dr., Pine Ridge, SD 57770.

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Little Pony Eagle*

January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



“ *Little Pony Eagle*

January 28, 2023 at 08:19 AM



“ *A human life is a story told by God*

**Charlene Gill** - December 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *I am 55 years old but I have memories of Pony Eagle and Eagle Feather. They were friends of my moma and dad, Betty and Vincent Guccione. They came to our house on Chamberlain in Alton. The memories are slight but I do remember Eagle Feather as so beautiful and Pony Eagle as more cute. I thought he looked sort of like my dad!*

**Lillian Guccione Bates** - November 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *I enjoyed knowing Little Pony and will always remember him fondly. My thoughts are with you all in this time of sorrow*

**Gail Murphy** - November 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ I am very saddened to learn of the death Little Pony Eagle.

*He was a true friend and brother, and will be missed by all that knew him.*

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**John W. Craver** - November 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LD

“ So very sorry to hear about Pony. Our family new and Loved Him and Hazel. Our Prayers and Thoughts go out to His family. I do have to share one memory of Pony. We were at the house for a visit and Hazel told us that Pony wanted to show us something and when He came out He dressed in full Indian Dress. It was the most beautiful thing I had ever seen... I will never forget it. We Loved going to there house because He always had something to show me, as I am part Indian and He knew I loved looking at parts of Indian History...Thank You Pony for all the wonderful Memories....Rest in Peace...

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**Lorraine(Patton) Denison** - November 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ I am so sorry to read the Pony Eagle has passed away. I send my condolences to his family. My family Bud and Melba Martin have known your family for many years. My parents are long gone but would grieve with you as well. So sorry.

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**Kathy Martin Hinman** - November 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SD

“ I am so sorry to hear of Pony's passing, I really had the highest respect for him. So sorry for your loss.

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**Stephani (Biro) Dixon** - November 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ *Please accept our sympathy in your loss.*

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**Jeff Gossett** - November 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ *My parents (Charles E. and Ruth Dilling)knew Little Pony and she told me of his passing today. Your family has my condolences. I know Monica Star and to her I send special energies.*

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**Lorraine Dilling Waddell** - November 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BD

“ *My thoughts and heart are with all of you this week.Uncle Poney was a great man.*

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**Belinda DeMond** - November 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LK

“ *Please accept our sincere condolences at the pasing of Little Pony Eagle. He was the brother and uncle of many of our aquaintances and friends. This true American's life should be celebrated.*

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**Larry & Teresa Krotz** - November 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM