Neil F Howe

June 20, 1953 – March 8, 2011



Our beloved brother and uncle, Neil F. Howe, 57, of Big Bend, began his journey to the spirit world Tuesday, March 8, 2011, at his home.

Neil was born June 20, 1953 in Pierre, SD to Walter and Clara (Sargeant) Howe. Neil attended school in Sioux Falls at the School for the Deaf. While he was there he won numerous awards in track and field.

Despite his handicap of being deaf and unable to speak since childhood, Neil always had a cheerful outlook on life by visiting everyone and delivering their mail. He loved drawing and painting, an artist at heart.

Those left behind to cherish his memory are four sisters: Eleanore Dunn of Big Bend, Ella Faye Gibbs of Sapulpa, OK, Judy Rockwood of Fort Thompson, and Jeanette Cain of Panorama City, CA; three brothers: Reynold Howe of Fort Thompson, Arnold Howe of Big Bend, and Burnette Howe of Fort Pierre; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Preceding Neil in death were his father, Walter Howe; mother, Clara Howe; sister, Wanda Harris; brothers; Donnie Howe, Leslie Howe, and Dewey Howe; and a nephew, Jason Howe.

Neil was loved by everyone in the community and will be missed by all.

Mass of Christian Burial was held on March 15, 2011 at St. Catherine's Catholic Church, Big Bend with Father Joe Dean officiating. Burial followed in the church cemetery. A wake service was held on March 14, 2011 at the church.

Luze Funeral Home of Highmore has been entrusted with Neil's arrangements.



Neil Howe won 1972
Region 5B Mile champion