



## Obituary

**Born:** Friday, November 15, 1957

**Died:** Thursday, January 21, 2021

George Melvin “Ceana” WestWolf Jr came into the world on November 15th, 1957 and journeyed to be with the Creator on January 21st, 2021, after battling the effects from the Covid virus. He was 63 years old.

His parents were the late George Robert “Westy” WestWolf Sr and Doris Josephine “Baby Doll” Arrowtopknot WestWolf. Paternal Grandparents were George WestWolf and Louise Twostabs WestWolf. Maternal Grandparents were Joseph Arrowtopknot and Sarah Vielle. He was raised by his grandparents Mike Westwolf and Gladys “Teama” Westwolf. Teama affectionately called him Big Sisakk.

## Service Summary

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Ceana was the second born of 5 children, he has four brothers and one sister. He was raised on the Pikuni Blackfeet reservation west of Browning, Montana on Flat Iron Creek. He was given the name Iihkipseena by his grandmother Sarah Vielle, which means dogberry and was called “Ceana” a shortened version of his traditional name.

In his youth, Ceana was an outstanding athlete and excelled at basketball, cross country and track and field. While representing Browning High School he lettered 4 times in basketball and 3 times for cross country. His cross country team were record breaking state champions in 1976, with the top three places going to the team, and Ceana earning a 3rd place state title. After high school he went on to run cross country for the University of Montana in Missoula Montana from 1978-79.

While at U of M, he met Mary Reeves and from their relationship they had a son, Teague GoodVoice, Ceana’s only blood related child. Teague didn’t get introduced to his father until he was 8 years old, after which he believed he was lucky to have two dads.

Ceana met the love of his life Shirley Mittens in 1985 and they were inseparable since. They spent much of their time powwowing, traveling the powwow trail, visiting relatives and powwow family. They were rarely apart during their 35 years together and they made plans to celebrate their 50th anniversary. Ceana was honored to raise Shirley’s daughters, Joyce, Amanda and Crystal as his own. He also raised his niece Johnell “Kat” as his daughter. He had a special bond with his son-in-law Andrew RunningCrane.

Ceana was a founder of the drum group “The Rawhide Signers” and also sang with Kickingwoman and YoungGreyHorse to name a few. He also loved singing and playing guitar. He was an organizer of the Montana Indian

athletic hall of fame as well as an inductee.

Ceana wasn't afraid to voice his opinion when it came to issues he believed in. He was a member of the first protest group Nitsitapi and ran for Tribal Business Council in 2020.

Ceana was a very humorous person and loved to joke around, tease and laugh. He would light up any room with his presence and kind nature. He cared so much about everyone and wanted everyone to be happy. He meant so much to so many people. Ceana loved his wife Shirley, his son, daughters, grandchildren and all his family, especially the kids. Ceana, Dad, "Big Guy", grandpa, will be sadly missed by all who knew him.

Ceana was preceded in death by his mother Babydoll, who he missed so much. His dad George "Westy" WestWolf Sr, brother William Westwolf, niece Brittney M Westwolf, nephew Cameron Wayne WestWolf, grandson William WolfTail Jr.

He is survived by his wife Shirley Westwolf, Brothers; Arthur "Whaley" (Val) WestWolf, Micheal E. WestWolf, Sister Gloria R WestWolf. Son Teague (Yolanda) GoodVoice, Daughters Joyce (Andrew) RunningCrane, Amanda (Alexander Katchia) Franks, Crystal (William)WolfTail, Johnell "Kat" (Eddie White) WestWolf, Nephews Micheal John, Arthur III, Alvin, and Trystan J WestWolf. Nieces; Tenniel, Jennifer, Loni Westwolf, Tiffany Wells, Casey Goss, Randi TallWhiteMan

Grandchildren Honor, Pride, Makoyi, Natu'Okimii, Mya, Gabby, baby Andrew, Kianna, Hayden, Naveah, Judah, Crystal "Angel" JR, Aaliyah, Cyrus, Lillian, and Katie Mae. Great nieces Mika, Josephine great nephews baby Mike, Michael J, Makuyi. As well as many friends across the US and Canada powwow trail, and extended family including the Arrowtopknot, Guardipee, Vielle, Falcon, Champine and Ingram. We apologize if we have forgotten to mention anyone.

Thank you so much for your prayers, well wishes and contributions in this difficult time.

We ask that you please stay safe and healthy, tell your loved ones that you love them. Wear masks when you're near people you don't live with, wash your hands, and keep your distance. You don't know whose life you're saving.