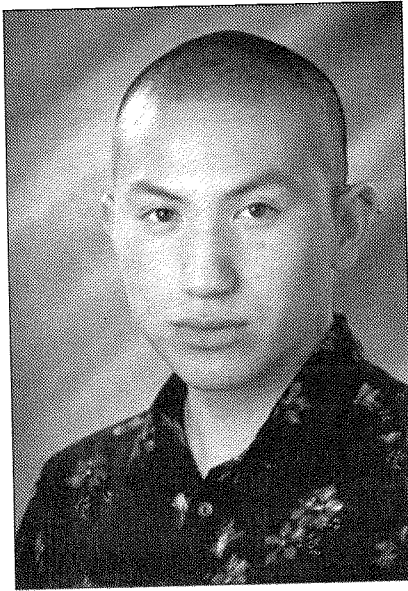


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Ezra Oliver Seymour

Ezra Oliver Seymour, 23, of Tama, passed away Saturday, August 31, 2024, at UnityPoint-Iowa Methodist Medical Center in Des Moines. Celebration of Life "the Ezra Way" was held Saturday, September 7, 2024 at 10:30 a.m. at Kruse-Phillips Funeral Home in Tama. Interment followed at Maple Hill Cemetery in Montour. Visitation was held Friday, September 6, 2024, from 4-7 p.m. at Kruse-Phillips Funeral Home.



Ezra Oliver Seymour, "Wanbli Na'ca" Sicangu, an enrolled Rosebud member, was born to Marion Roberts and Damon Oliver on April 10, 2001, in Marshalltown, Iowa. On July 10, 2007, Ezra and his sister Ninajean were adopted by Norman "Storm" Seymour and Cheryl Fleener-Seymour, of Tama.

Ezra is a 2019 graduate of Meskwaki Settlement School. During his youth and throughout school Ezra was involved in Band (he played percussion), Drama Club, Speech, Basketball, Bowling League, Golf, Track & Field, Art and Geography Club. After graduation, he was among the first group "the Wandering Warriors" (which included his siblings, Noah, Danielle and Addie) to travel abroad for seventeen days touring seven countries on a European Tour. His favorite country was Switzerland, but he was really impressed with the art and the architectural designs throughout the tour. Ezra tried to maintain a serious "stoic" look, but that was only an image; he had a kind heart, a huge smile, and a laugh that was contagious. Ezra was an artist - his hands were a gift of talent from his paintings, to his beadwork, to braiding hair, and tattooing. He taught himself how to braid hair, and he would practice various styles on his little sister Quora, who he truly loved. He created beautiful lanyards; he put a lot of thought into each one, picking out the beads, matching colors and coming up with the intricate design. His favorite was the Peyote stitch; he felt it allowed him to be more creative. He purchased a tattoo kit unbeknownst to his mom, and he was tattooing himself and his siblings. Ezra loved going on walks, watching Tik Tok videos, having a good laugh, listening to music while beading, and his family. He would always say "that's crazy" or "I was thinking about that" and "aye". One of his favorite artists is Billie Eilish, and he was planning to attend her concert this fall with his sisters, Ninajean and Zaidyn. Ezra was most recently employed at Hardees in Toledo.

Ezra is survived by his parents, Norm and Cheryl, Danielle, Noah and his son Erys, Addie, and her children Azariah and Aladius, Nathaniel, Zaidyn, Liam and Quora of Tama, and Ninajean, her partner Felipe Hernandez and their children Piper and Rey of Chicago. Grandmother Pat Seymour, uncles Curtis, Dwayne, Charlie and Ira Dean (Megan) Seymour, Tama, Rick, Mike, Don (Denise) Fleener of Searsboro, aunts Michelle Seymour Grimes, Toledo, and Lori (Ray) Baker of Grinnell. His biological family, Marion Roberts, Damon Oliver, Koko Liz Roberts and siblings Lauren Bear and children Dondria, Evelyn, Aidah, and Jahred; Keenan Bear (Autumn Moquino) children Raelynn, Renae, Kaeson and Alorah; Maya Moreno and many more relatives and extended family members.

He is preceded in death by grandparents, Max and Ruth Fleener, Frank Seymour, uncles Bruce Seymour and Ron Fleener and two infant cousins. Medo Isaac Roberts, sister Nora Moreno, uncles John, and Troy Roberts, aunts Marva and Keshena Roberts.

Memorials may be directed to the family for future designation.