

Kin, Friends Attend Rites for Young Indian

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SISSETON, S.D.—Catholic funeral services for Dane White were held here Wednesday in English and in the Dakota language at St. Catherine's Indian Mission Church.

Following the service, attended by 75 people, all but six of whom were Dakota Indians, Dane was buried here in St. Peter's Catholic Cemetery.



Dane

Born in Sisseton 13 years ago, he took his own life Sunday in the Wilkin County Jail, Breckenridge, Minn., where he had been held since Oct. 7 awaiting a juvenile court hearing.

The services and burial for the young Dakota Indian were attended by his father, Cyrus White, Browns Valley, Minn.; his mother, Mrs. Burdell Armell, Chicago, Ill.; his maternal and paternal grandparents; his older brother, Timothy, 15; three younger sisters, Jodi, 12, Joan, 11, and Mary, 9, and many of his school friends.

The Rev. William Keohane conducted the service. Two hymns were sung in the Dakota language.

"Dane is here, in the background of the banquet table. Lord, remember Dane in your Kingdom," Father Keohane said in prayer, pointing to the large painting of the Last Supper behind the altar of the small Indian church.

Six of Dane's school friends carried his gray metal coffin from the church. Fifteen cars formed the procession to the cemetery on the edge of town.

Following the service at the grave, the six young Indian pallbearers removed their honoring ribbons and placed them on the coffin.

A cold Dakota wind blew across the slope of St. Peter's cemetery. The six pallbearers were the last to leave the grave.



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