Joe Lee Yazzie, of St. Michaels, Ariz. died Feb. 18, 2021. He was 85.

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Joe was born into the Todich' ii' nii (Bitter Water), born for Klizilani (Many Goats).

He was born in Ft. Defiance, Ariz. on June 22, 1935.

Joe was preceded in death by his parents Fritz Yazzie Jr, and mother Catherine Yazzie, his brothers Kenneth Yazzie, Raymond Leigh Yazzie, and grandson Monte Hunter Yazzie. He is survived by his son Lemont Yazzie, daughter in-law Michelle Johnson Yazzie, Daughter Lillian Yazzie, eight grandchildren and numerous great grandchildren. Funeral Services will be held at a private graveside ceremony at Ft. Defiance Navajo Veterans Cemetery on Indian Route 12.

A memorial to celebrate his life will be held at a future date to be announced.