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Wake Story

Whenever someone dies here on our reservation they typically for several nights watch over the body. Long ago it was usually three days they have a wake. If the one they buried comes back to life, right away they say he struck them with lightning. They would not suffer too much when they die. Long ago when someone's relative died, a neighbor would go tell the one who leads the group of singers to notify his group. Just as it gets dark a bit they will start to sing. There are only two of them who do the speaking and praying. Those two go all night. Just as the sun rises they will go home. Why they hold wakes is for two reasons they do this. It will give a rest and entertainment for the ones who are mourning and they give a send off to the one who died.