



Michael "Bonzo" LaPrairie

August 15, 1956 - July 19, 2017

Michael "Mick" "Bonzo" LaPrairie, Gete asin, 60 of Cloquet passed away on Wednesday, July 19, 2017. He was born August 15, 1956 in Cloquet to George and Theresa LaPrairie. After high school he left Cloquet and headed west. He traveled throughout the west working in various places and then moving again. He lived in Portland, Oregon for 10 years. While in Portland, he was a Chemical Dependency Counselor. In the early 1980's Mick returned to Cloquet. He worked as a security guard for Fond du Lac Reservation.

Mick belonged to the Bear Clan. He was a member of the Fond du Lac Band of the Lake Superior Chippewa. He was an avid reader and scholar of history and geography, and enjoyed the sport of boxing. Mick had an amazingly witty sense of humor and everyone he's met has stories that make him well known throughout the country. He attended the Bayfront Blues festival for over 25 years. Buddy Guy, Johnny Cash and Neil Young were a few of his favorite musicians.

Mick was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, George and Bruce LaPrairie; sister, Liz LaPrairie; niece, Waubie Randall; and partner, Cathleen Martineau.

He is survived by his daughter, Carmilita (Jake Thompson) Yupe of Bozeman, Montana; brother, Robert of Grand Rapids; sisters, Winnie Mushkooub of East Lake and Dawn LaPrairie of Cloquet; and grandchildren, Steven and Liam Miller, and Dominic Thompson, Bugg Standing Bear. He leaves behind many other relatives. Mick's witty sense of humor and generous spirit leaves a lasting impression on family and friends.

Visitation will begin at 3:00 p.m. Sunday, July 23, 2017, with a wake service at 7:00 p.m. Visitation will continue through the night until the 10:00 a.m. traditional service on Monday, July 24th in the Brookston Community Center on Mahnomen Road. Burial will be in New Holy Family Cemetery. Arrangements entrusted to Atkins Northland Funeral Home. To sign the guest book and offer an online tribute, see www.atkinsnorthlandfuneralhome.com