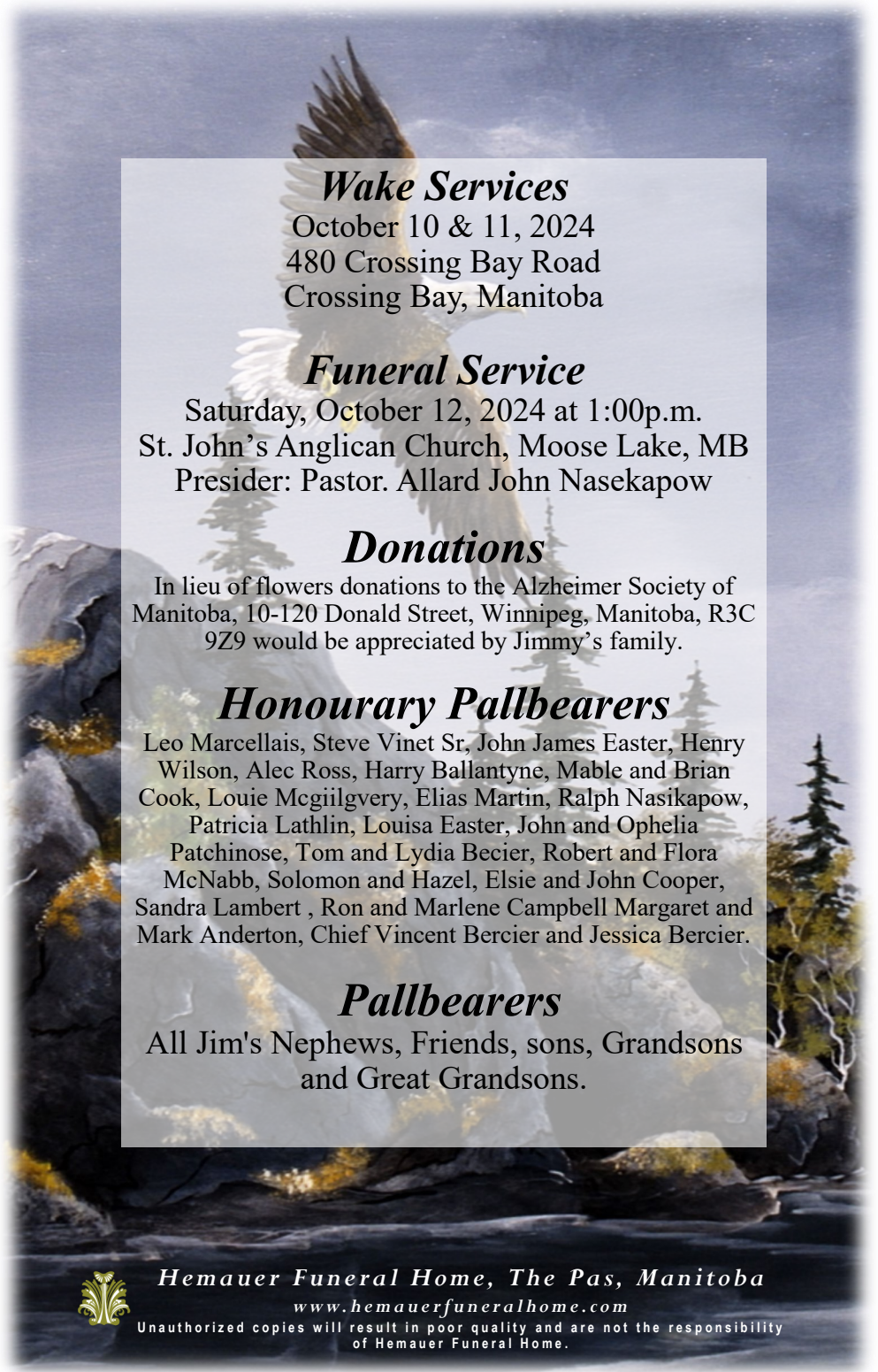




Wake Services

October 10 & 11, 2024
480 Crossing Bay Road
Crossing Bay, Manitoba

Funeral Service

Saturday, October 12, 2024 at 1:00p.m.
St. John's Anglican Church, Moose Lake, MB
Presider: Pastor. Allard John Nasekapow

Donations

In lieu of flowers donations to the Alzheimer Society of Manitoba, 10-120 Donald Street, Winnipeg, Manitoba, R3C 9Z9 would be appreciated by Jimmy's family.

Honourary Pallbearers

Leo Marcellais, Steve Vinet Sr, John James Easter, Henry Wilson, Alec Ross, Harry Ballantyne, Mable and Brian Cook, Louie Mcgillgvery, Elias Martin, Ralph Nasikapow, Patricia Lathlin, Louisa Easter, John and Ophelia Patchinose, Tom and Lydia Becier, Robert and Flora McNabb, Solomon and Hazel, Elsie and John Cooper, Sandra Lambert, Ron and Marlene Campbell Margaret and Mark Anderton, Chief Vincent Bercier and Jessica Bercier.

Pallbearers

All Jim's Nephews, Friends, sons, Grandsons and Great Grandsons.



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In Loving Memory Of
Chief Jim Tobacco

February 12, 1949 - October 3, 2024



Jimmy Tobacco was born in The Pas on a Saturday, February 12, 1949 to Robinson and Miriam Tobacco. At the age of 4, Jim attended Residential School in Brandon and later attended McKay Residential in Dauphin, Manitoba. After the passing of his Mother at the age of 4, he was cared for by his Grandmother Charlotte Nasikapow until her passing.

As a teenager during the 60's, Jim fell in love with Rock "N" Roll. He taught himself how to play guitar and started the band "The

Wild Ones" with his friends Leo Marcellais, Hilliard Sinclair, Gordon McNabb, Elias Martin.

At the age of 19, he met May Ballantyne and together they married and started a family. They were blessed with two Daughters Lisa and Stephanie.

As a young man, Jim worked various jobs, such as logging, trapping, fishing and mining. He loved being on the land. However Jim's true passion was politics.

Jim was first elected Chief in 1972 at the age of 23 making him the youngest Chief in Manitoba. Jim had an unwavering dedication to the well-being of his people and made tireless efforts advocating for his Nation, creating a legacy that will be cherished forever.

In 1981 Jim met the love of his life Karla, and together they blended their families and loved and raised their Daughters, Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren.

In 1990, Jim and Karla relocated to the community of Crossing Bay. They have made wonderful memories and life long friends. Jim was a big part of the community and he will be dearly missed.

Jim's pride and joy was his family. He loved and doted over his Grandchildren and Chapans He also loved to spend quality time with his nieces and nephews. Jim loved to spoil his Grandchildren and shared many jokes with them. Jim also loved to spoil his wife and often called Karla "The Boss." He especially loved his Baby Chapan

Nikolas, "Kiki".

Jim lived a full life. Aside from politics. He enjoyed the simple pleasures. He would have coffee every morning with his wife, for that was their time together. He enjoyed hunting with his friends Alex Ross, Harry Ballantyne and Ron Campbell, along with others. Together they provided many kills and shared with the community.

Jim loved music and everyone knew he loved Neil Diamond. Over the years, Sweet Caroline had become his signature song. He often participated in singing competitions and would travel to other communities to compete. It did not matter the outcome, he just loved to be a part of the music.

Jim had a special bond with his Brothers, Alfred Tobacco "chickachee" and Russell Tobacco. When they were well and healthy they spent countless summers picking Seneca Root.

In 2016 Jim suffered a stroke that shortened his political career and was later diagnosed with Alzheimer's. Jim passed away peacefully in his sleep at St. Anthony's Hospital on October 3rd, 2024.

Jim is survived by his Wife Karla Tobacco, Daughters Lisa and Stephanie. Step-Daughters Karlayne and Kerri. He also considered Marlene Campbell and Jason Tobacco his Children. Grandchildren, Shelby, Erik, Brock, Bronya, Kristen, Shauna, Brody, TJ, Karli, Rochelle, Ryan and Stephanie Jr, Hillary, AJ, Steve Jr.

Jim had many God Children. Mariam Nasikapow, Dora Nasikapow, Shelby Tobacco, Steve Vinet Jr, Leon Patchinose, Erica Ballantyne, Hillary Henrikson and Serenity Hunter.

Jim's Brother Robert McNabb (Flora) and Sister Mildred Tobacco.

Jim is predeceased by his parents Robinson and Miriam (Steersman) Tobacco. Brothers Alfred Tobacco, Russell Tobacco and Simon Tobacco. Sisters Jessie (Tom) Sinclair, Rosalie (Percy) Mink. Special Niece Evelyn Vinet and Nephew Garnet Tobacco (Cori) and Son in Law Roman Crying Head. If we forgot to mention anyone it was not intentional.

