



Celebration of Life

Wednesday,
March 29, 2023

2:00 pm

Veteran's Hall,
Opaskwayak, MB

Presider:

Pastor David Brauer

Music Ministry:

Michelle Brauer

Reception to follow at
Veteran's Hall

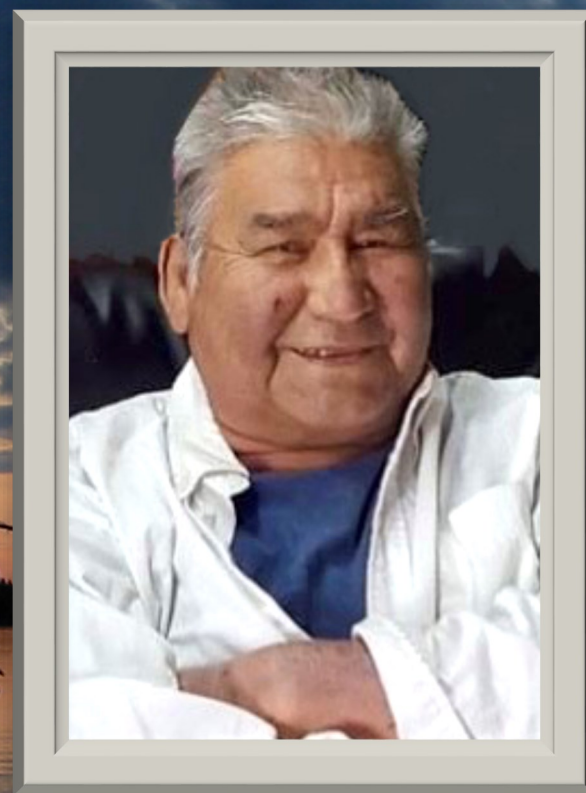
In lieu of flowers,
donations to the
Canadian Diabetes
Association, 401 – 1
Wesley Avenue,
Winnipeg, Manitoba
R3C 4C6, would be
appreciated by
Oliver's family.



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In Loving Memory

*Simon Peter Oliver
Bignell*

August 22, 1945—February 13, 2023



In loving memory of Simon Peter Oliver Bignell (1945-2023), beloved husband, father, grandfather, and friend to many.

Oliver was born at home, on lands then called The Pas Indian Band, on Wednesday, August 22, 1945. He attended day school, and while he left OCN to work with CN Rail, and for firefighting, he always returned to his home. He went on, with plumbing courses to work in The Pas, and finally to work in the Public Works Department of OCN, helping to build water plants, laying pipe for the first waterworks and as the department grew, to be Public Works Manager. He was also the Volunteer Fire Chief in 1999.

Oliver cared deeply for OCN, and with his brother Moses and two other friends, developed the first meetings for the Cree Confederacy, now called Cree Gathering. He served a term on Council, and was part of the Council, serving with Chief Francis Flett, responsible for the development of the Shell Station and the Kikiwak Inn.

Oliver was first and foremost a family man. With his wife Pauline, he started a family farm at Watchi Bay. He designed and built commercial greenhouses for summer plants, nursery stock and Christmas plants. He built a log house for his family and later when a larger house was available, spent many hours upgrading it.

He loved children. He always had treats for any child. He loved all his children, and saw each one as unique and very special.

He was a man who loved life. It was important to him to go on hunting and fishing trips, or to work in his garden, or be with the horses and livestock he loved. He always had a joke to tell, a story to share, or a listening ear.

In his last months he endured so much pain but fought hard to stay with his family. His plans for the time when his soul moved on, are being honoured today.

He will always be missed.

He leaves behind to mourn, his wife Pauline; his chosen children, Clifford, Anita, Daniel, Alex and Jamie; grandchildren Meryl, Hayley, and Julie; brothers Alan and Dennis; sister Shannon; and many special nieces and nephews.

Oliver was preceded in death by his father Alex Bignell; mother Rachel Bignell (nee McKay); sisters Alice, Sara, Isobel; brothers Jonah, Joseph and Moses.

