



Wake Services

January 6 & 7, 2025

Margaret Henderson Parish Hall
Opaskwayak Cree Nation, Manitoba

Funeral Service

Wednesday, January 8, 2025 at 1:00 p.m.

Church Of The Redeemer

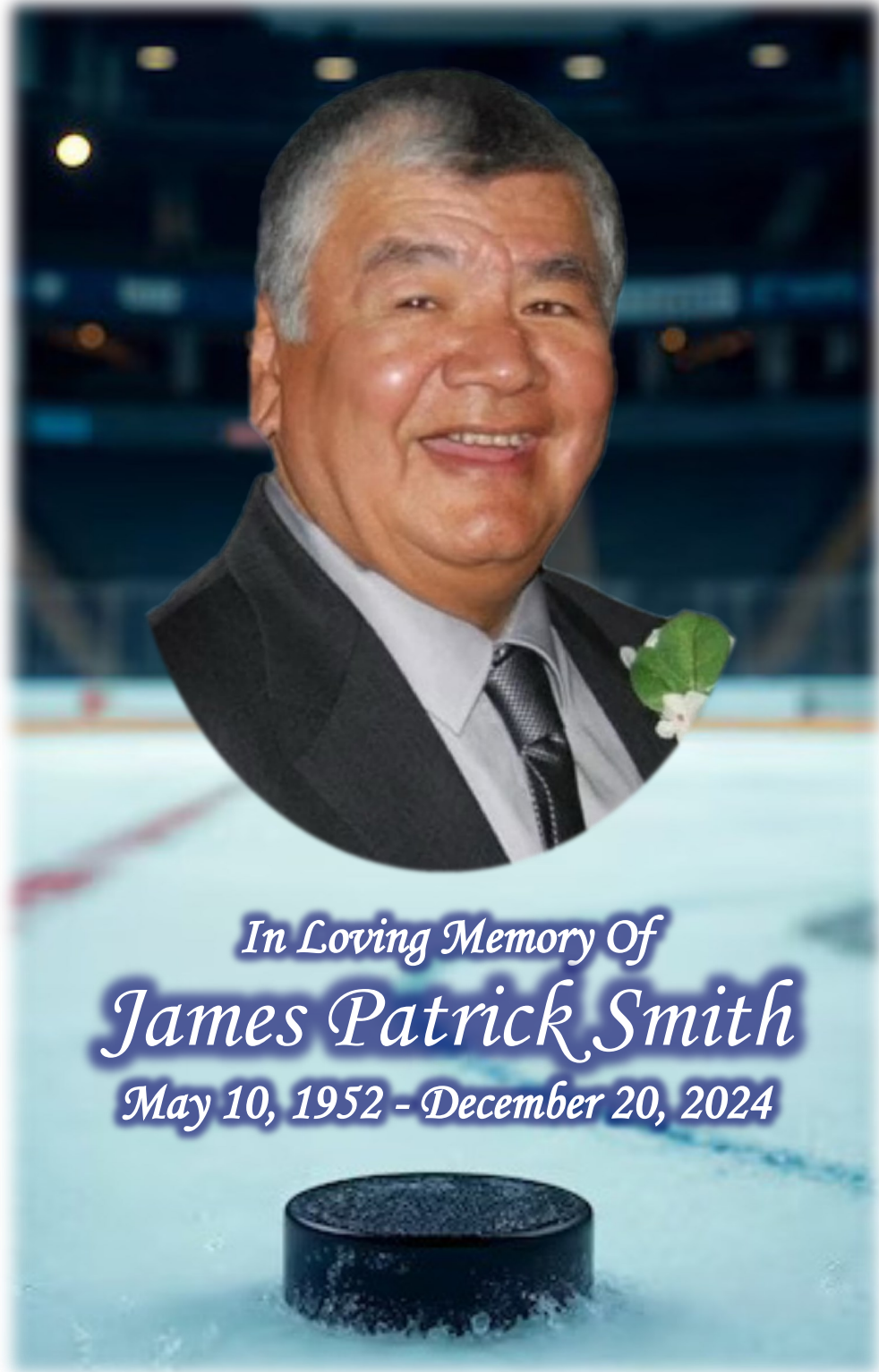
Opaskwayak Cree Nation, Manitoba

Presider. Rev. Charlie Lathlin

Music Ministry: Russell Cook Memorial Singers

Reception

Margaret Henderson Parish Hall



In Loving Memory Of

James Patrick Smith

May 10, 1952 - December 20, 2024



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It is with heavy hearts and great sadness we announce the passing of our beloved husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, Godfather, brother, uncle, and friend, James "Jim" Smith, who entered the Spirit World on December 20, 2024, on the Opaskwayak Cree Nation with his loving wife by his side.

Born May 10, 1952 in The Pas, MB. Jim was predeceased by his grandparents Florence and Cornelius Bignell; parents Jean "Queenie" and Harry Smith; and infant son Jaxon Smith.

He is survived by his wife Debra; children Jason (Aleia) and Olivia Smith (Ed), Jaime Constant (Clayton) Tanner, Charlie and Jodi; brother Philip "Smokey" Smith and sister Norma Beauchamp; and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Jim was a survivor of the residential school system. In his early years, he was an avid hockey player and a Tom Longboat recipient for long-distance running. His strong work ethic began in his teens, and he held various jobs throughout his life. He dedicated himself to serving his community as

Band Manager for the Opaskwayak Cree Nation and served as a Band Councilor for many years.

Jim was instrumental in the development of the OCN Blizzard and remained one of their biggest fans throughout his life. He deeply loved his family and cherished spending time with them, especially at his beloved camp downriver. He was also known for his great sense of humor. His dedication to helping others in the community of OCN, and always offering his words of encouragement and wisdom. He was an avid outdoorsman, enjoying hunting, fishing, trapping, and boating.

Jim will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved by all. Everything happens for a reason, if God leads you to it, he will lead you through it. What can mere men do to me with God by my side. Thank You for being the best dad in the world, you will forever remain in our hearts farewell for now until we meet again.

