



Celebrating The Life Of
NORMAN GEORGE MCGILLIVARY

Saturday, July 22, 2023 1:00 pm

Church of the Redeemer, Opaskwayak Cree Nation, Manitoba

Presider: Pastor Dennis Anderson

Music Ministry: Carl Crane

M.C: Melvin Plett

Order of Service

Opening Scripture & Prayer

Hymn / Gospel Song

First Reading:

Second Reading:

Hymn / Gospel Song

Eulogy:

Message: Pastor Dennis Anderson

Hymn / Gospel Song

Benediction:

Committal Scriptures at

St. Michael & All Angels Cemetery, Opaskwayak, MB

Hemauer Funeral Home, The Pas, Manitoba

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In Loving Memory of
Norman George McGillivary

September 22 1970 - July 17, 2023



Norman was born on Tuesday, September 22, 1970, in The Pas Manitoba and was the eldest son of Robert and Brenda McGillivray. He grew up in Big Eddy on Opaskwayak Cree Nation. Norman loved spending time with his cousins and friends there and he spent a lot of time with his grandparents Malcolm and Margaret McGillivray. He then moved to Saskatoon in his teenage years.

Norman graduated from the Nutana Collegiate in 1991 and went to First Nations University to begin his Bachelor of Indian Studies. There he became a father to Gina Francis, Jennifer Marie and Lucy Ann.

When he was a young boy, he liked to take things apart and put them back together. Norman was a hard worker liked to do things around the house, liked to fix vehicles with his brothers William and Marty. He was known to be kind and gentle to kids, would rough house with his brothers and was happy go lucky, soft spoken, funny and always laughing.

Norman as a child, made many trips to Oxford House to visit his extended family with his mother Brenda and would take some trips on the train with his granny Margaret to Winnipeg. Norman lived briefly on the Muskeg Cree Nation in Saskatchewan, Winnipeg Manitoba and eventually moved home to Opaskwayak Cree Nation.

Norman became a husband to Paulene in 1998 and together they had five children, Norman George Jr, Taegan Madison Sage (2001-2018), Bailey Autumn Cree, Marty Samuel Brave and Jaiden Robert Storm.

Norman worked several places in Opaskwayak Cree Nation in various jobs, Public Works, Electrical trainee, OCN Housing, Property Manager for Government Services, Tolko in the Saw Mill for several years, a mechanic in Wanless for a period of time before Manitoba Housing as a Maintenance Coordinator, SCTC as a Operations and Maintenance, Circuit Rider with the FN Manitoba Water and Waste Water Association and travelled through out the province and lastly Northern Building Supply as a labourer. Norman completed his diploma in Chemical Engineering and graduated in 2006 at UCN in The Pas. He enjoyed researching and learning new things, was very intellectual, professional and gave what he had when he did the things he loved.

Norman became a grandfather in 2012 when his first grand daughter Alexa was born and soon after grandsons Patrick, and Jacob, grand daughters Adira and most recently Octavia. He loved spending time with his children, his brothers and his nieces and nephews and visiting often with his friends and some whom he called brothers.

He loved conversations and visits with his late brother Marty and brother William and sister-in-law April. He spoke fondly of his family in Oxford House, the visits he had with his grandmother Rosie, numerous cousins, uncles and his aunties. He left behind many lessons and teachings that he taught his children. He was a son, a grandson, a brother, a father, a husband, a nephew, an uncle, a brother-in-law, a grandfather, a cousin, and a friend to many people in his life. He was still very loved by his family.

Norman struggled briefly with illness after the loss of his daughter Taegan in 2018 and could not fully recover. He was optimistic about his life and always had humour that helped him through his most difficult moments.

Norman will be sadly missed by his mother, brother, wife and all his children, grandchildren and all who knew and loved him.

Norman passed away peacefully on Monday, July 17, 2023, in Flin Flon, Manitoba after a short illness at the age of 52 years and is survived by his mother Brenda McGillivray; wife Paulene and their children, Gina and her children Patrick and Jacob Norman; Jennifer (Marcus) and her daughter Alexa; Lucy (Chris); Norman Jr (Paige) and baby Octavia; Bailey and her daughter Adira; Marty and Jaiden; stepchildren Shawnie and Jesse; his brother William (Orianna) and his children, Iris, Marcus, Ian, William Jr; great grandmother Rosie Weenusk; sister-in-law April Dorion and her sons Donovan and Blaine. He is survived by his aunts and uncles and extended family on the McGillivray/Weenusk is too numerous to mention.

Norman was predeceased by his father Robert (January 2010); brother Marty (October 2004); daughter Taegan (April 2018); brother-in-law Vernon Ballantyne (October 2012); grand parents Malcom and Margaret McGillivray; grandfather Samuel Weenusk; and aunts, uncles, cousins too numerous to mention.

Pallbearers

Marcus McGillivray
Ian McGillivray
Donovan Dorion
Blaine Dorion
Simon Ballantyne,
Norman Jr McGillivray
Danny Weenusk
Thomas Weenusk

Honorary Pallbearers

Charles (Allison) George, Keith Prince,
John Highway, John Sayese,
Fred Lathlin, Charles Head,
Dwayne McGillivray, Sid Merasty,
Terrance McCallum, Kenneth (Susan) Lathlin,
Lee Therault, Tom Cook,
Marilyn McLeod, Diane Prince,
Monica Head Stevenson (sister wife) he called her, Leslie (Crazy) Lathlin
All that knew and loved him

If we missed anyone in error; please know it was not intentional.



*Forever in our loving memory of
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