



WAKE SERVICES

Thursday March 21, 2024
Friday, March 22, 2024
Margaret Henderson Parish Hall,
Opaskwayak, MB

FUNERAL SERVICE

Saturday, March 23, 2024 11:00 am
Church of the Redeemer,
Opaskwayak, MB
Presider: Rev. Jim Sayese,
Assistants: Rev. Sheila Chaboyer and
Rev. Charlie Lathlin
Music Ministry:
Russell Cook Memorial Singers

INTERMENT

St. Michael and All Angels Cemetery,
Opaskwayak, MB

RECEPTION

Margaret Henderson Parish Hall,
Opaskwayak, MB

PALLBEARERS

Johnny Cook, Matthew Cook,
Craig Constant, Keith Prince,
Zack Fontaine, Wayne Cook Jr.,
Dwayne 'Preacher' Holland
and Leonard Paul Whitehead.

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

John Chaboyer, Pat Constant Sr.,
Pat Constant Jr., Lorne Constant,
Brian McKay, Church of the Redeemer
Vestry Members and all of his close
friends.



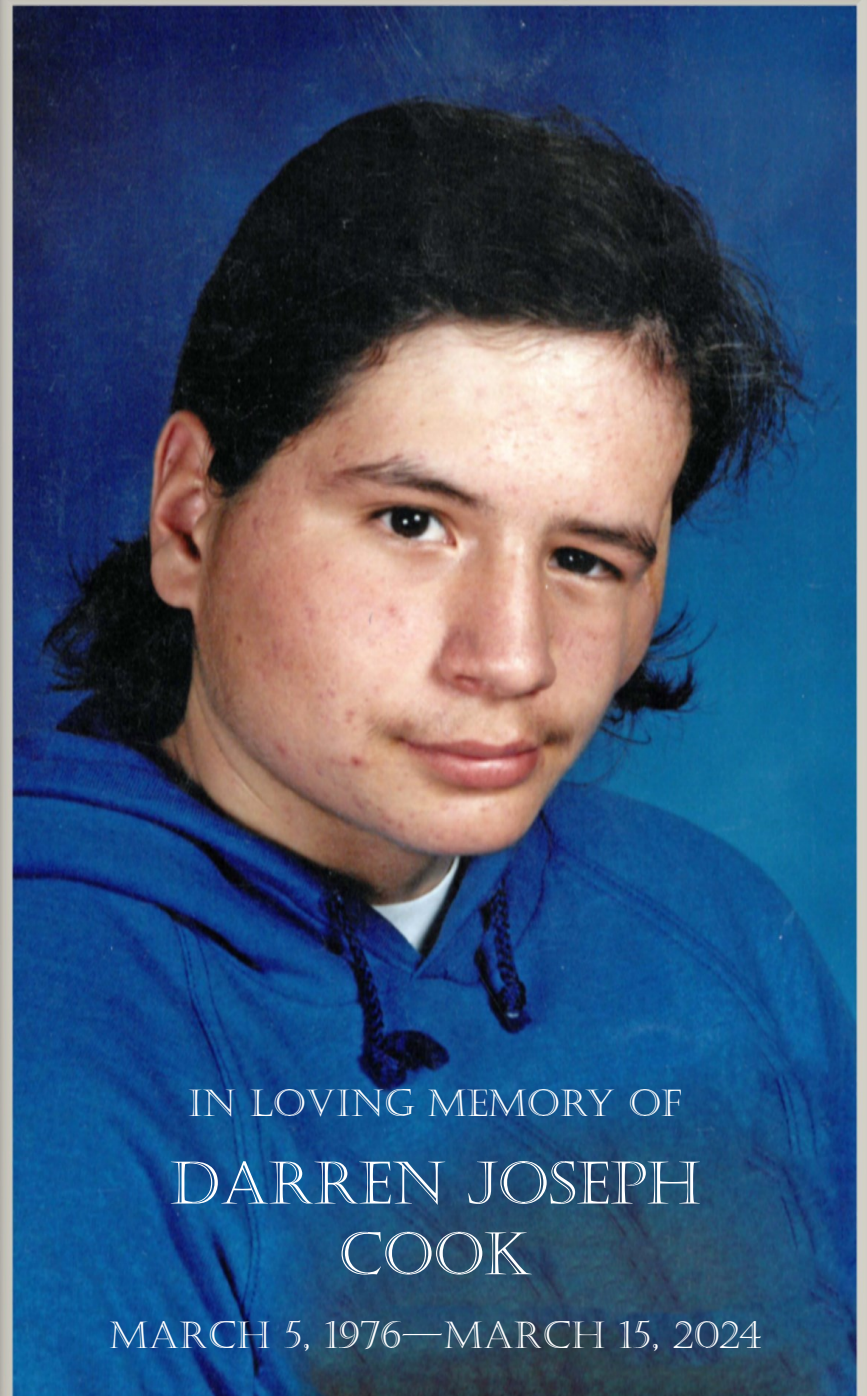
*In lieu of flowers, donations to the
Children's Hospital Foundation of
Manitoba, CE501, 840 Sherbrook
Street, Winnipeg, Manitoba, R3A 1S1,
would be appreciated
by Darren's family.*



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IN LOVING MEMORY OF
**DARREN JOSEPH
COOK**

MARCH 5, 1976—MARCH 15, 2024



Darren Joseph Cook was born Friday, March 5th, 1976 in The Pas, Manitoba to his mother Shirley Cook. He was soon after adopted by the late Eileen Cook. He brought much joy to her life and she greatly adored him. At the age of 3, Darren started showing signs of deterioration in his health and was diagnosed with brain cancer. He spent the next few years of his life, with Eileen by his side, living at the Children's Hospital in Winnipeg. He had surgery to remove his brain tumor, beginning the fight for his life. He underwent chemotherapy and radiation as child, and later, more surgeries to

repair the area where his tumor was removed. He was a fighter!

Darren was a mischievous little red head boy who was hard to forget and was especially memorable to those who cared for him. He was always giggling and had a wonderful smile. At one point he had everyone tricked by his innocence and flooded the hospital unit, via the bathroom sink, to keep everyone on their toes.

As a brain cancer survivor, he maintained a happy and vivacious spirit throughout his life with his mom Eileen and made lots of friends. Darren loved watching hockey, specifically the OCN Blizzard and Winnipeg Jets, and he especially loved fishing. He dabbled a little in hunting and trapping, but fishing really had a hold on him. You would see Darren on his bike, or walking down the hill, almost daily heading to the Saskatchewan River. He especially loved being at Moose Park. He loved the feeling of being able to bring home his catch and feed his mom, Harry (Lee-tot) and himself. He would also provide fish to the elders in Big Eddy. He loved travelling, being at the beach (where he would stand in the water for almost an hour trying to get in to swim) and spending time with his family. His most favorite pastime was spending time with his brothers and his cousin John Chaboyer. They called each other 'my fighting partner'. Darren's mischievousness carried on into his adulthood, he was always doing things to test other people's character.

Darren also had a special place in his heart for his closest friends Pat Constant Sr. and Jr., Brian McKay and Keith Prince. All whom looked out for him and gave him purpose in his life after losing his mom and his job. Darren worked at Otineka Development Corporation for 15 years as a Food Court Attendant and this is what

he was well-known for and where he made the most friends. The Late 'Poochie' was his favourite co-worker as he guided and protected Darren in his position. Our family will forever be grateful for the grace he was shown while working in that position with all the challenges he faced due to his condition.

Darren loved hugs and was a generous soul always giving to others before thinking of himself. He was physically strong and knew more than anyone could imagine. He also understood Cree very well, and sometimes spoke it fluently to everyone's surprise. He paid great attention to his surroundings and knew how to help others in their time of need; and because of this he dedicated much of his life and time to the Church of the Redeemer as a long-time Vestry Member.

Darren passed away unexpectedly, Friday, March 15, 2024, at St. Anthony's Hospital, The Pas, Manitoba, at the age of 48 years.

Darren is survived by his biological mother Shirley Cook (Marion Scott); his father figure Harry McGillivray (Lee-tot); daughter Arianna; brothers Gary Cook (Wilma), Wayne Cook (Diane), Ryan Ballard, Kenneth Myers (Geri); sisters Sheila Chaboyer (Delbert John), Beverly Fontaine, Margaret Lathlin (Gerald), Kelly Garson-Buck (Don), and Angelique Cook; auntie Melvina Charlette; and many other aunties, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews too numerous to mention.

Darren was predeceased by his mom Eileen Cook whom he adored and missed dearly; his grandpa Fred Cook, Sr.; brother Patrick Constant; uncle John Peter Cook (Sloop); brother-in-law Derek Fontaine; cousin Billy Jack Chaboyer, and many other family members. If we forgot anyone it was not intentional.

