



Wake Service

Friday, November 1, 2024
Margaret Henderson
Parish Hall
O.C.N., MB

Pallbearers

Chris, Darren, Stuart and Quint
Bignell, Barry Ranville,
Beatoes Ranville,
Jeremy Green and
Lester Constant.

Honorary Pallbearers

Richard Apetagan,
Angie Young, Jennifer Flett
and all of Peter's friends and
colleagues.



In Loving Memory Of Peter Randal Bignell



*Januarys 10, 1974
October 22, 2024*



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Moses and Mabel Bignell were blessed with a dramatic entrance of Peter Randal Bignell during the early morning hours on January 10, 1974. Peter was the second youngest son and held the title of “baby” until he was six years old when his brother Quintin made his appearance. He always teased his little brother and told him he was adopted. Peter grew up on 115 Jebb’s Drive and as a little “rez” baby he had his share of mischievousness with his neighborhood freinds and his brothers. Peter attended nursery, kindergarten and up to grade 10 in the town school, for grades ten to twelve him and his brother Stuart went to Fort Qu’Appelle residential school where both of them graduated.

After graduation he immediately applied to Brandon University to take the bachelor of teaching degree for five years. He had many challenges while in university, but he was determined to finish. We had many talks even during the nights. With a little push and encouragement he graduated from the university.

After he graduated he started on his education journey as a teacher, vice – principal and principal. He became known throughout Manitoba schools, First Nations Schools and communities he served. Peter’s passion was teaching and being with the students. The students loved him for his motivational nature.



When he left education he went to work with Manitoba museums of Man and Nature as an educational resource person. He was influential in some museum exhibits such as the snake pits. Peter’s last place of work was Manitoba First Nations Resource Center. He was an education consultant and traveled to many communities. He met and made many friendships. He had to take leave from work due to his health. Peter even tried to get his master’s in education but his health prevented him from continuing.

Peter had many interests, his passion was music. Peter composed many songs and he even composed a song for Moses and Mabel titled “The Parent Song”. His favorite music groups were the eighties pop music bands including “New Order” and “Kiss”. He loved watching movies like Star Wars and Golden Girls. Mabel watched all these movies with him, she learned a lot about Star Wars from the past to the present.

He was my son after my own heart. We both loved teaching and curling. He played many sports while in LeBret School with his brother Stuart.

Peter was very loving, gentle, compassionate, generous and fun to be around. He loved cooking and pasta was his favorite dish.

In or to describe the kind of person that Peter was, some of his family, friends and colleagues. Peter was “a sparkle of life”, “shining light”, “fun to be with”, “honor to know him”, “friendly and amazing human being”, “awesome brother” and “he had a sensational personality”.

Peter is survived by his beloved partner Warren Woodhouse; mother Mabel; brothers Chris (Sylvia), Darren (Michelle), Stuart & children, Quint (Jessica), Beatoes (Sandra), Barry (Darlène); many nephews, nieces, cousins, friends and colleagues too numerous to mention. Peter is predeceased by his beloved dad Moses; grandparents from Bignell and Lathlin side; as well as aunties Maria Sayese and Isabel Young; uncles, cousins, family and friends too numerous to mention.

In lieu of flowers donations to the Canadian Liver Foundation – Manitoba Chapter 210-375 York Avenue, Winnipeg, Manitoba, R3C 3J3, would be appreciated by Peter’s family.