



*How blessed is the tie that binds
Our hearts in lasting love,
The friendship of kindred minds
Is like to that above.
So when at last we have to part
In sorrow and in pain,
We know we still are joined in heart
Until we meet again.*



Wake Service

Thursday October 22, 2020 6:00pm
Church of the Messiah, Opaskwayak, Manitoba

Funeral Service

Friday October 23, 2020 1:00pm
Church of the Messiah, Opaskwayak, Manitoba
Presider: Rev. Gloria Lavallee

Interment

Emmanuel Cemetery, Opaskwayak, Manitoba

Active Pallbearers: Cousins: Neil Bignell, Dennis Bignell, Jr.,
Chris Bignell, Clayton Bignell, Joe Bignell,
Nephews: Lawrence Paul, Scott Bignell, Andrew Bignell.

Honorary Pallbearers: All Louie's family and friends



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In Loving Memory Of

Louis Jonah Bignell

April 25, 1966– October 18, 2020



It is with great sadness that we announce the sudden and unexpected passing of our brother Louis Jonah Bignell aka Louie on Sunday, October 18th, 2020, St. Anthony's Hospital, The Pas, at the age of 54 years.

Louie was born on Monday, April 25, 1966 in The Pas, Manitoba to Jonah and Mildred Bignell. He was the youngest of the family, brother to Bruce, Lester, Sam, Bernard, and sister Leona.

Louie received his education at both Opasquia and Scott Bateman schools. He also spent some time living with the late Uncle Jonah and Auntie Isabel "Etchip" Young. He cherished the time of his life growing up with Shelley and Edward. He lovingly teased Edward as a kid, often telling him to "go outside - play on the road and chase some cars".

Louie loved teasing all of his nieces and nephews actually. His sense of humor was the best. He loved to joke and kid around – often making funny comments that turned even the saddest scenarios into an opportunity to laugh and smile. He also loved music. His favorite artist was Tina Turner – in fact, it was very common to hear him blasting "Simply the Best" in his place on his home-crafted surround sound. It showed how much fun-loving energy he had. His love for music was on full display especially at family gatherings and socials – where he could be seen out dancing everyone on the dance floor.

Speaking of his home, he always took great care of how clean and tidy his place was. Louie was also a very hard worker – he enjoyed working at the various positions he held at both the OCN Video Lotto Centre and the former OCN Bingo Hall. He worked well dealing with the public and was quick to help out whenever he was asked to do something for the family or the community.

He was a proud OCN Pow Wow Committee member and took great pride in keeping the Pow Wow grounds clean – he wanted a professional sounding volunteer title so after negotiating he would be referred to as "Sanitization Director" – something he did so well that the Committee was always commended on how clean everything was. The Committee always gave credit to Louie though, as he was indeed the Sanitization Director.

Louie also loved his cats. He often referred to them as "my kids". He named his cats Obama, Stedman, Malcolm X, Arsenio Hall, and his favorite cat "slop pail". When he would leave town for appointments he would make sure someone was there to check up on them. To say he was a professional cat trainer was an understatement. Each of them had character and Louie embraced them all, and it showed by all the numerous toys and play areas he made for them.

He also had a strong love for family and friends. He gave nicknames to practically everyone. In particular, he had a strong bond and friendship with his sister. Leona Hex is what he would call her. When Leona was recovering from surgery, Louie would faithfully walk over to her home and tidy up for her – he showed his love through actions. He also loved all of his nieces and nephews very much.

Louie also loved science fiction shows. Back in the day, one of Louie's favorite TV shows was 'Space 1999' – he enjoyed watching this with his brothers, uncles, and cousins Neil, Steven, Richard, Chris, and Darren on Sunday evenings at Granny and Grandpa's house on Jebb's Drive.

Louie was very special and unique – he had many friendships that lasted throughout his life. We're sure they could all tell many funny stories of how much Louie was a great friend in their lives. He will be cherished and missed forever. May you rest in Paradise Louie – where the dancefloor never closes and they are playing all your favorite songs.

Louie is survived by his **brothers** Bruce Bignell, Lester (Flora) Bignell, and **sister** Leona (Leonard) Paul; **niece** Janet Bignell-Young, Vanessa Bignell, Rebecca Bignell and **nephews** Michael (Jennifer) Bignell, Lawrence (Samantha) Paul, Leon Paul, Dylan Lathlin, Lester Bignell, Jr.; **grandson** Cassius Constant; **great nephews** Alexander (Ashley) Bignell-Young; and **great niece** Flora Bignell-Young; **niece and Goddaughter** Angel Bignell-Young.

Louie is also survived by **uncle** Moses (Mabel) Bignell, their children Chris (Sylvia) Bignell, Darren Bignell, Stuart (Betsy) Bignell, Peter Bignell, Quintin (Jessica) Bignell and families.

Uncle Oliver (Pauline) Bignell, their children Clifford Bignell, Anita (Colin) Partridge, and Daniel (Sabrina) Bignell and families.

Auntie Shannon (Bill) Pelly, their children Katie Pelly, Victor Pelly, Keith Pelly, Holly Pelly and families.

Uncle Alan (Flora) Bignell, their children Joe Bignell, Wendy Bignell, Heidi Bignell, Alan Bignell, Jr. and families.

Uncle Dennis Bignell, his children Christine Bignell, Dennis Bignell, Jr. Oliver (Barbara) Bignell and families.

Cousins Gary Bignell and family, Audrey Nicolychuk and family, Rachel Bonnetrouge and family, Beatrice Bignell and family, Richard Bignell and family, Diane (Richard) Cowley and family, Steven (Colleen) Bignell and family, and Neil Bignell and family.

Friends Shirley "Dee-Dee" Lathlin, Scott Spence, Mary Paul, Flora Moore, Miriam and Brian Azure, Tracy Constant, Tiffany Kostyk, Reginald Constant, Maureen Brown, Shirley-Ann Spence, Dale Flett, Rose Young. **Ex-wife** Brenda Marles.

Many relatives throughout Moose Lake and Churchill, Manitoba that are too numerous to mention.

Louie was predeceased by his **parents** Jonah and Mildred Bignell; **brothers** Samuel Bignell, Bernard Bignell, Curtis Bignell; **grandparents** Alexander and Rachel Bignell, Hector and Catherine Spence; **aunties** Isabel Young, Mary Pacey, Liz Chapman; **uncles** Joseph Bignell, Jonah Young; **nephews** Johnny Young, Fred Young, Frank James Bignell and Baby Bignell; **cousins** Edna Prince, Freddie McGillivray. If we forgot to mention anyone, it was not intentional.



As our brother Louie loved his cats, any donations can be made to The Pas and Area Animal Shelter Inc., Box 4079, The Pas, MB R9A 1S2.

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