

Funeral Service Celebrating
the Life of

Eileen Personius

Friday, March 11, 2022 1:00 pm

Church of the Redeemer,
Opaskwayak, MB

Presiders:

Ven. Rev. Lydia Constant
and Rev. Charlie Lathlin



Order of Service

Greeting and Welcome

Opening Sentence: 589

Hymn: 61

Memories from the Heart:

Gathering of the Community: 591

The Collect: 577

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading: Psalm 23 MacKenzie Todd

Psalm 100: Pam and Brenda

Second Reading: John 13:31-35 John Ter Horst

Hymn: 66

Gospel: Luke 17:5-10 Monica Ducharme

Reflection:

Prayers of the People: 593

The Lord's Prayer: 594

Hymn: 72 (ACW)

The Commendation and the Blessing: 595

Hymn: 132 (old version)

The Committal: 596-597

INTERMENT

St. Michael and All Angels Cemetery, Opaskwayak, MB

RECEPTION

Margaret Henderson Parish Hall, Opaskwayak, MB



In Loving Memory of

Eileen Personius

July 9, 1957—March 2, 2022



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“Heaven gains another angel, who is probably up there teaching them all new words.”

Those that had the privilege of knowing Eileen, aka “Momma Bear” knew she was a woman of faith, love, directness and status as she was the matriarch in whatever she did.

Before becoming Momma Bear, Eileen grew up the youngest of 14 children. She had 7 brothers and 6 sisters as well as multiple foster siblings. Eileen often referred to the Clearwater Lake Airport as home and her safe haven because she had so many good memories growing up there.

Born to Louie Gideon (Patrick) and Betsy (nee Constant) Personius on Tuesday, July 9, 1957, in The Pas, Manitoba. Eileen often referred to herself as the “Oops baby” because grandma Betsy did not know she was pregnant with her at the time.

Momma Bear shared many fond memories of her youth from going to school and not putting up with anyone’s BS, to fighting and standing her ground; she fought for those she loved and what she believed in.

Eileen’s first job was at the hospital, where she lied about her age in order to work. Soon after she became a fulltime caregiver to her mother before becoming a CHR (Community Health Representative). During her time as a CHR, Eileen also worked for the Opaskwayak Fire Department. This is where her strength, determination and take no BS attitude allowed her to climb the ranks of the department where she soon became a Deputy Fire Chief.

The people that Momma Bear came into contact with didn’t know how to react as they never knew if she was joking or serious.

This lead into aspects of her life like laundry day which was taken very seriously. A perfect example, color coding and folding.

In her mid 30’s, Eileen was blessed with her very own daughter, Sophia, whom she instilled all of her love, teachings and values. Above all else Momma Bear wanted to show Sophia the world. She did this by travelling to numerous places, thus how the nickname “Thelma and Louise” came to be.

In her later years Momma Bear sat on numerous boards and volunteered in many different areas within the community as it brought her joy.

Eileen passed away peacefully with family by her side, Wednesday, March 2, 2022, at her home on Opaskwayak Cree Nation, Manitoba, at the age of 64 years.

Eileen leaves behind her daughter Sophia; foster daughter Monica; sister Catherine; brothers Louis (Pauline), Horace, Patrick (Irene); sister-in-law Rose; brother-in-law William, traditionally adopted children Angersol Vendollo, Rachid Elfarak, Yahya Mousrati; multiple grandchildren, numerous nieces and nephews and her Godchildren; to honor her memory and teachings.

Eileen was predeceased by her parents Louie Gideon (Patrick) and Betsy Personius; siblings Lillian (Sydney Bignell), Marian Prince, Paul Personius, Myra Lathlin; 5 siblings that passed at birth; sister-in-law Marie Personius; brother-in-law Terry Trueman; numerous relatives and extended family, too many to mention.

WAKE SERVICE

Wednesday, March 9, 2022 at the residence of Eileen Personius,
226 McGillivray Blvd. Opaskwayak.

Thursday, March 10, 2022

Margaret Henderson Parish Hall, Opaskwayak.

PALLBEARERS

Rueben Personius, Roy Personius, Paul Personius Jr.,
Dale Personius, Clayton Paul Lathlin, Milan Constant,
Leland McNabb, Gordie Lathlin.

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Kevin Personius, Darren Delorme, Morris Ballantyne, James Dean,
Willard Sayese, Reg Erickson, Tim Kavanaugh, MacKenzie Todd,
all Eileen’s Godchildren, ACW Members.

*In lieu of flowers, donations to the
Canadian Diabetes Association, 401 – 1 Wesley Avenue,
Winnipeg, Manitoba R3C 4C6,
would be appreciated by Eileen’s family.*