



In Loving Memory Of
Rita Lily Francois
 April 18, 1959 - May 2, 2026



Hemauer Funeral Home, The Pas, Manitoba

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Rita Lily Francois was born on Saturday, April 18, 1959 in The Pas, Manitoba to Ellen Caribou and Albert Francois.

Rita was a kind hearted person who was always willing to help anyone that was in need. She was raised in McKnight and Granville Lake as a child. She loved the trap line life. She would get her kids and grandchildren together and all go camping in McKnight and Jetit. There she would teach her kids how to survive the bush life and to trap, hunt, harvest and plant.

Rita would tell stories about the olden days, of life in High Rock, Jetit, McKnight and Granville Lake. She loved to read, do crossword puzzles and make a 5000 piece puzzle and wouldn't stop until it was done.

Rita loved to take her grandkids on long walks to Walmart. She loved all her grandchildren, especially her great grandson David.

Rita suddenly passed away on Saturday, May 2, 2026, at her residence in Lynn Lake, Manitoba, at the age of 67 years.

Rita will be greatly missed by her children Kevin Francois and family, Kathy Francois and family, Sarah Francois and family, Shawn Francois and family, Anthony

Francois and family; adopted sons Howard Bighetty and family, Jason Bighetty and family; siblings Cathy Castel, Shirley (Eli) Castel, MaryAnn (Reuben) Grey, Johnny Francois, Oliver Francois.

Rita will be reunited with her oldest daughter Brenda Lee; son Morris Francois; parents Albert and Ellen Francois; and siblings. If we forgot anyone it was not intentional.

WAKE SERVICE

Monday, May 18, 2026
Sacred Heart Catholic Church
Pukatawagan, Manitoba

FUNERAL SERVICE

Tuesday, May 19, 2026 at 2:00 p.m.
Sacred Heart Catholic Church
Pukatawagan, Manitoba
Presiders: Hilda Francois, Mary Jane Colomb
and Flora Grieves

INTERMENT

Tuesday, May 19, 2026
Sacred Heart Catholic Cemetery
Pukatawagan, Manitoba

PALLBEARERS

Kolton Francois, Howard Bighetty, Sterling Francois,
Jason Bighetty, Parry Francois, Steven Castel, Darren
Francois, Ron Castel, Johnny Francois, Napoleon
Castel.

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Great Grandson David Caribou, Parry Francois and
family, Darren Francois and family, Gordon Bighetty
and family, Adelaide Bighetty, Shirley Castel and
family, Selena Castel and family and all Rita's family
and friends from Lynn Lake, Granville Lake and
Pukatawagan.