



WAKE SERVICE

Thursday, June 16, 2022
109 Manitoba Crescent, Cormorant, Manitoba

FUNERAL SERVICE

Friday, June 17, 2022 2:00 pm
St. Stephen's Catholic Church, Cormorant, Manitoba
Presider: Fr. Jim Fiori
Music Ministry: Russell Cook Memorial Singers

INTERMENT

Cormorant Cemetery, Cormorant, Manitoba

PALLBEARERS

Scott Wishart Sr., Scott Wishart Jr., Sidney Dumas,
Allen Dumas, David Lavallee, Daniel Lavallee.

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

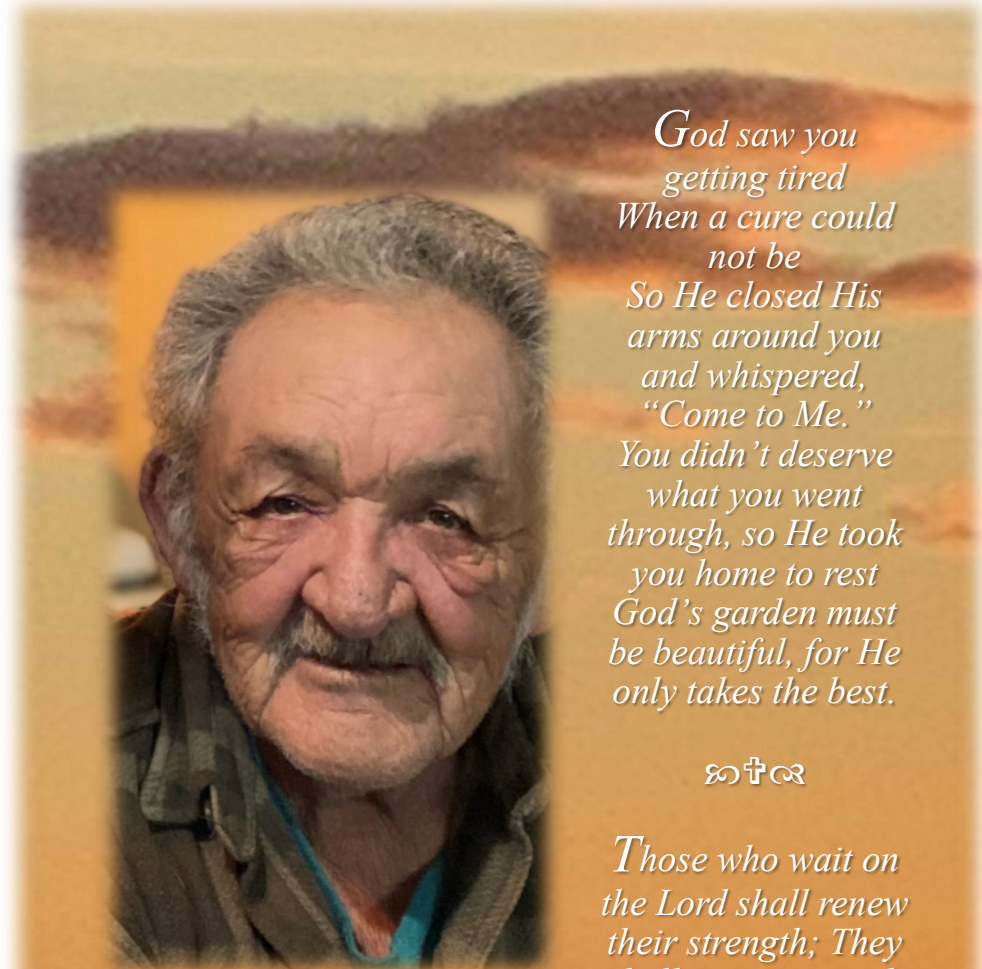
Ernest Lavallee, Matthew Lavallee, Joseph Dumas,
Nathan Dumas, James Dumas, Donovan Myers.

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*God saw you
getting tired
When a cure could
not be
So He closed His
arms around you
and whispered,
"Come to Me."
You didn't deserve
what you went
through, so He took
you home to rest
God's garden must
be beautiful, for He
only takes the best.*

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*Those who wait on
the Lord shall renew
their strength; They
shall mount up with
wings like eagles.*

Isaiah 40:31

**IN LOVING MEMORY OF
BRANT "GEE GEE"
FREDDIE PATRICK
CONSTANT
MAY 26, 1945—JUNE 10, 2022**

Gee Gee passed away peacefully on Friday, June 10, 2022, at St. Anthony's Hospital, The Pas, Manitoba, after a short and courageous battle with cancer, at the age of 77 years.

Gee Gee was born Saturday, May 26, 1945 in The Pas, Manitoba, to parents Patrick and Marie Constant.

Gee Gee grew up in Cormorant, the son of a well-known trapper and a devoted mother with strong family values, appreciation and respect as these are all important qualities, when you live off the land, raising children.

As a young man, with a strong work ethic and determination under his belt, Gee Gee entered the workforce. He became a heavy equipment operator and worked on many highway, logging and Ducks Unlimited projects. He learned to fix all the machines and his own vehicles with no formal training.

With the intentions of making life better for his family, whether it be to buy a snowmobile for his dad, to replace his 3 dogs or provide money for groceries for his family. He even hitch hiked to Quebec to find work.

Cormorant lake was always home and in 1977, Gee Gee found the love of his life, the beautiful Mary Dumas and married her. Mary being raised the same way, on the land with 9 children of her own, 7 of which were born on the trap line at Burntwood Lake. It was a match made in heaven. Gee Gee and Mary had two children together, a son Patrick and a daughter Linda.

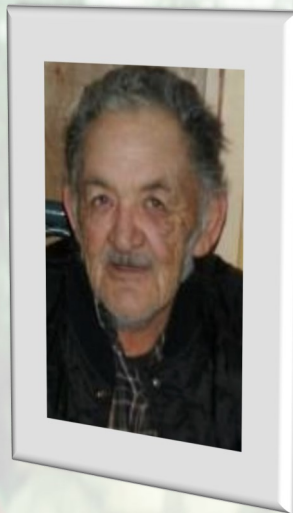
Gee Gee treated all as his own and opened his home and heart to them and anyone who passed through his life, just as his parents did. Everyone was treated equal. They celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary in January 2022.

GeeGee was a proud man and he was always proud of the successes and accomplishments of their children, nieces, nephews and especially all their grandchildren, as they continued their journey through life.

In the early 90's Gee Gee took on the responsibility of an all-female wildland fire fighting crew. This included Mary, Loche, Lena and Chud. These were very good years for Mary and Gee Gee and very proud memories as they could outwork most all male crews.

They were in the bush together where they belonged and the groceries just kept coming by helicopter. The crew was always treated well and with respect, as they did the same to others. In 2001 they retired. Mary was 65 and she received an award and recognition from the Province of Manitoba for her service in the fire program. She is 86 now.

Gee Gee was a gifted story teller and his stories were endless about hunting and fishing when game was plentiful, not like today. If the stories became a little unbelievable, he was known to say, "Eh, Mary?", while sitting on both feet on the chair. This was not because it was not true, it was because Mary was always there with him. She was the best skinner in the country. They were inseparable.



As with all big families, there is loss which in turn causes grief and sorrow. The passing of numerous family members and friends, but namely Gee Gee's brother Norman, sons Rodger and Vincent, daughter Marie and dog Guess. You never really get over this and are always in a healing process.

One of the proudest moments for Gee Gee was when Marie, who passed 3 years ago, said, "You are the only father I have known, I love you." Old Gee Gee was just beaming with pride and not one to dwell on some of the hardships of life.

Gee Gee lived his whole life with hope and faith and the mottos, "There are no mistakes, no coincidences, all events are blessings given to us to learn from" and "Family is not an important thing, it's everything."

Gee Gee took everything in life in stride, not a very big stride, but none the less, in stride. As it was the turtle that won the race and we are all from Turtle Island.

Today we will celebrate Gee Gee's life as he jigs with his brother Norman and dog Guess in the light of the "otayhiminpesim" the strawberry (heart berry) moon with his wooden cross on his chest with his shirt open like his heart was to all. With his mom and dad and all other friends and relatives who have passed on in a circle, watching as he starts his new adventure.

Gee Gee will be missed by all. Life is full of happiness and tears, be strong and have faith.

Brant was predeceased by his parents Patrick and Marie Constant; brothers Norman Constant, Edward Bowman; sisters Helen Rimkus, Rosie (John) Nabess, Linda (Jake) Cadorette; nephews Lloyd Lavallee, Kenneth Lavallee; niece Loretta Lavallee. His stepchildren Vincent Dumas, Roger Dumas, Walter Dumas, Edward Dumas, Marie Dumas and grandchild River Dumas; brother-in-law Alexander Patterson; sister-in-law Margie Nabess.

Brant leaves to mourn his wife Mary Constant; and his children; son Patrick (Melissa) Dumas; daughter Linda (Fred) Dumas; stepchildren Joe (Jean) Dumas, Magdeleine (Mitchell) Myers, Aline Lavallee, Edna (Lou) Moodie, Dianne (Scott) Dumas, Sydney Dumas, Allen Dumas, Rayleen Dumas and numerous grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces and nephews. His sister Eileen Lavallee; nephews David Lavallee, Jack Lavallee, Eric Lavallee; nieces Sharon Nepton, Norma Nepton, Eileen Linklater; and numerous family and friends that will miss him dearly.

Gee Gee's family would like to thank everyone who helped us through this difficult time.

