

WAKE SERVICE

Tuesday, August 18TH, 2026
Margaret Henderson Parish Hall,
Opaskwayak, Mb

FUNERAL SERVICE

Wednesday, August 19TH, 2026 @ 1PM
Church of Redeemer
Opaskwayak, Mb
Presider: Rev. Flora Young

INTERMENT

St. Michael and All Angels Cemetery
Opaskwayak, MB

PALLBEARERS

Robbie McGillivray, Lori Ducharme, Warren
Gamble, Derrick Cook, Walter Young, Jerry (Ribs)
Cook, Jimmy Suetta

HONOURARY PALLBEARER

DAVID COOKIE COOK



THEREFORE, A WOMEN SHALL LEAVE HER FATHER AND HER
MOTHER AND HOLD FAST TO HER HUSBAND AND TOGETHER
THEY
SHALL BECOME ONE FLESH.....Genesis 2:24

MOM AND DAD
THANK YOU, MOM.
THANK YOU, DAD.
THREE SMALL WORDS FOR ALL YOUR
LOVE AND YOUR SUPPORT
A MILLION WORDS WOULD BE TOO SHORT
THE WORDS "I LOVE YOU"

SEEM TO FEW TO EXPRESS THE LOVE
I HAVE FOR BOTH OF YOU

TOGETHER FOREVER IN THE ARMS OF THE
LORD



Lillian Bignell (NEE MCGILLIVARY) passed away peacefully at the age of 81 with her daughter, granddaughter and great granddaughter by her side on August 12, 2026.

Mom was the youngest daughter born to Matthew & Mary McGillivary on July 27, 1945 in The Pas, Manitoba

Mom grew up on OCN, where she met Grandpa and they were together for 52 years. They raised their children, grandchildren, great grandchildren and celebrated many holidays as a family. Mom had many traditions; supper was always at 5pm and if you weren't at the table, you ate cold food and had to do the dishes.

Mom had a lot of experience in the workforce. She became a lifeskills coach in Saskatchewan and travelled to northern communities in Manitoba and Saskatchewan. She took great pride in praising her students she certified. Mom retired from Rod McGillivary Care Home.

For those that knew mom, she was the "Rebel" in the family, mom was the one that would try challenge her parents, without permission she always manage to have a good time. Many stories were shared later in the years when they returned back from residential school....Her and her sisters would gather and reminisce about their younger years, the tears and laughter filled the room with each story told as their bonds grew closer. One of mom's hobbies was making star blankets with her sister Irene, it was a healing bond they shared with few words spoken. She also enjoyed knitting, crocheting blankets, slippers, mitts and scarves with her big sister.

Being the cool auntie, she always had time for her nieces and nephews. Mom was a great listener and always had great advice for each of them. Mom always left her door open to family day or night.

The love and pride she had for her grandchildren and great grandchildren, each of them got their own special "nicknames" from granny.

Mom was predeceased by her husband of 52 years, Teddy (Grandpa) Bignell. Her parents Matthew & Mary McGillivary; her sons, Robert McGillivary & Ken Banhegy; Her siblings, Irene Cook, Christina Gamble, Louise Roulston, Victoria Ducharme, Annie McGillivary, Mary Crane and brother Ronnie McGillivary.

Mom leaves to cherish her memories; her brother Stan; her daughters, Jennifer and Shirley; Her grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces, nephews and cousins, too numerous to mention.

The family would like to thank and bless the staff at the McGillivary Care Home for the caring of my mom. Thank you to the health aides who took special care of mom.

ORDER OF SERVICE
FUNERAL LITURGY:
GREETING

HYMN: Will the Circle Be Unbroken

THE COLLECT:

HYMN CREE: 66

GOSPEL

HYMN: Amazing Grace

EULOGY

TRIBUTE SONG: WINGS OF A DOVE

