



The Broken Chain

*Little did we know that day,
God was going to call your name.
In life we loved you dearly, in death, we do the same.
It broke our hearts to lose you, but you didn't go alone.
For part of us went with you, the day God called you home.
You left us beautiful memories, Your love is still our guide.
And although we cannot see you, you are always by our side.
Our Family Chain is broken, and nothing seems the same.
But as God calls us one by one, the chain will link again.*



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*In Loving Memory of
Evoni Desiree Lathlin
"Golden Waxwing"*

June 27, 1999—January 28, 2023



Evoni Desiree Lathlin of Opaskwayak Cree Nation left this world unexpectedly, Saturday, January 28, 2023, at the age of 23 years. Evoni was born Sunday, June 27, 1999 at St. Anthony's Hospital in The Pas, Manitoba.

A beloved mother, daughter, Goddaughter, granddaughter, sister, niece, auntie, cousin and friend. Evoni resided on Opaskwayak Cree Nation most of her life. She lived with her auntie Corrina when she was much younger; During this time, she would travel with her auntie Corrina and the girls attending ceremonies and earned her

traditional name, "Golden Waxwing". When she was 14 she went to live with her auntie Janice Young and uncle Vince Normand, who welcomed her into their home with loving arms and made sure she was well taken care of.

She made many friends out in Spruce Grove, Alberta and had her first job at a Tim Hortons; she still kept in touch with her old co-workers from there and they always wished her well on special occasions. Evoni worked at many establishments around her community and was always meeting new people. Evoni was raising her two sons Tyson Bighetty (4) and Lucas Bighetty (3 months old) whom she loved and adored. Her sons were her world; she spoiled them immensely; you'd see the pure joy radiating from her face when she would look into their eyes and hug and kiss them up. Evoni enjoyed visiting family and friends and taking Tyson to visit her late papa Gilbert Munroe. She would always say, "Papa keeps telling Tyson about the story when I jumped out my bedroom window when I was 7, saying that he better not be bad like his mom and be jumping out windows to go outside to play."

The relationship she had with her brothers Gordon Lathlin, Darien Lathlin and Jake Young and her mini me sister Kaylin who's the splitting image of Evoni, was not like any other. Evoni was a wonderful big sister and wouldn't hesitate to do anything for them; she always had their backs. When she would see her brother Gordon, her whole face would light up and the time would be lost with all the jokes and laughter. They had a bond that was so special.

Evoni was funny, outgoing and vivacious; she had the most beautiful smile that could light up your soul. Self nicknamed, "Smeagol", "Shmeegs", she loved playing basketball and soccer, hanging out with her friends, going on adventures, driving around, fishing, playing Skip-Bo with her grandma Alice and siblings. Taking her boys to visit her kokom Sylvia and papa Ray, doing crafts with Tyson, shopping online for Lucas and smothering him with kisses until he would get mad and cry, then baby him up. She also enjoyed playing Facebook Bingos.

A symbol of beauty and grace we will always remember her infectious smile and her caring personality. Her presence in our lives will be sorely missed. When you think of Evoni, celebrate the good memories you have of her. Remember that life is fragile and short and should be lived to the fullest.

Evoni is survived by her **partner** Shane Bighetty; **sons** Tyson Bighetty, Lucas Bighetty; **mother** Diane Munroe-Mink; **dad** Gordon W.R. Lathlin;

brothers Gordon M.S. Lathlin, Darien Lathlin, Jake Young, Jessie Head; **sister** Kaylin Lathlin; **grandma** Alice Mink; **kokom** Sylvia Lathlin-Scott (Ray); **uncle** Greg Lathlin; **aunties** Shirley Munroe, Janice Young, Corrina Gamblin; **cousins** Mekanna Young, Avery, Joee and Zander Lavallee, Kienna, Brianna, Arianna and Tianna Gamblin; and numerous other cousins and family too numerous to mention.

Evoni was predeceased by her **papa** Gilbert Munroe; **grandfather** Gordon "Massan" Lathlin; **great grandparents** Gordon and Mary Jane Lathlin, Gordon and Muriel McGillivray, Raymond and Eleanor Lathlin; **dada** John Genaille; **kokoms** Veronica "Frog" Lathlin, Rosina Hester; **cousin** Kenneth Lathlin; **uncle** Trevor Lathlin.

*Goodbyes are not forever.
Goodbyes are not the end.
They simply mean I'll miss you,
until we meet again.*

WAKE SERVICE

Tuesday, February 7, 2023
at the residence of Sylvia Lathlin-Scott
302 Kiche Maskanow, Opaskwayak, MB
and Wednesday, February 8, 2023
Veteran's Hall, Opaskwayak, MB

FUNERAL SERVICE

Thursday, February 9, 2023 1:00 pm
Veteran's Hall, Opaskwayak, MB
Presider: Rev. Flora Young
Music Ministry: Russell Cook Memorial Singers

INTERMENT

St. Michael and All Angels Cemetery,
Opaskwayak, MB

PALLBEARERS

Gordon Lathlin, Darien Lathlin, Jake Young,
Greg Lathlin, Shane Bighetty, Philip Cook,
Bubs Ellicot, Zander Lavallee.

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

All of Evoni's Family and Friends

*In lieu of flowers, donations to
The Pas and Area Animal Shelter Inc.,
PO Box 4079, The Pas, MB, R9A 1S2,
would be appreciated by Evoni's family.*

