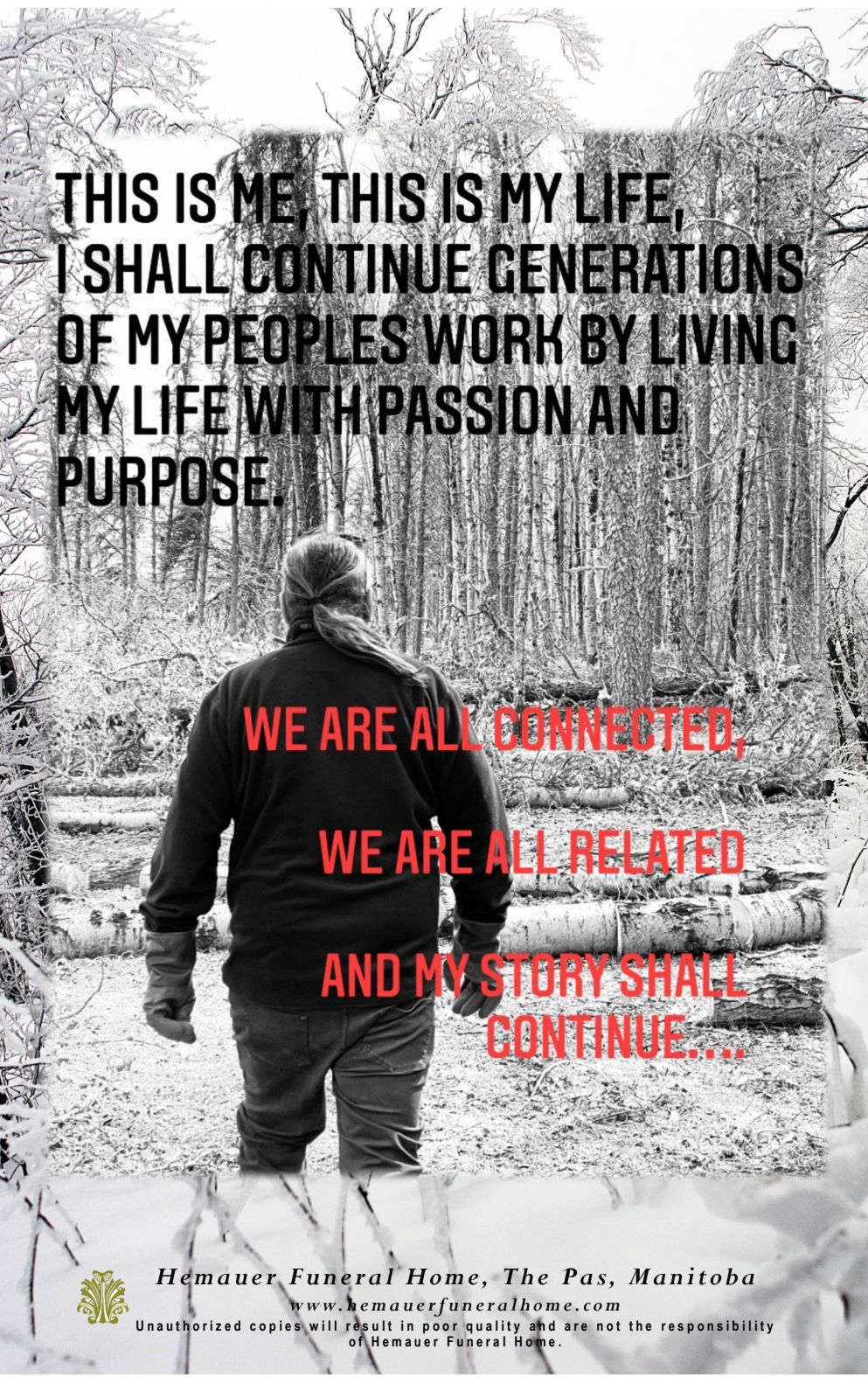


A black and white photograph of a person with long hair tied back, wearing a dark jacket and pants, walking away from the camera through a snowy, wooded area. The ground is covered in snow, and the trees are bare and covered in snow. The text is overlaid on the upper left portion of the image.

**THIS IS ME, THIS IS MY LIFE,
I SHALL CONTINUE GENERATIONS
OF MY PEOPLES WORK BY LIVING
MY LIFE WITH PASSION AND
PURPOSE.**

**WE ARE ALL CONNECTED,
WE ARE ALL RELATED
AND MY STORY SHALL
CONTINUE....**



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A color photograph of a man with a grey mustache and sunglasses, wearing a brown shirt with a colorful, patterned pocket. He is looking upwards and to the right. The background is a clear blue sky. The photo is framed by a white border.

IN LOVING MEMORY



It is with heavy hearts that we announce the sudden passing of

Jonas Gabriel Cook

fondly referred to as “Skip”

Asiniy Napew Epimotē

– Stoneman Walking

Mekosi Penēsew Pinesis Napew

– Red Thunderbird Man

Like a tree that can bend and sway with the turbulence and chaos, he remains strong, deep rooted and solid on the earth.

On Tuesday, April 3, 1962, Dad was born in Grand Rapids, Manitoba, to Jonas Gabriel Cook and Victoria Campbell.

Unexpectedly on Thursday, June 30, 2022, our Dad was called by his Creator to start his journey into the spirit world. He was predeceased by his mother Victoria and his father Jonas Cook. He was named after his father, his namesake. He was predeceased by his brothers Patrick and Douglas Cook and son Neal Findlay Cook.

Dad grew up in Lovers’ Point, on the land and on the water. He met Mom at a young age and knew then she was the love of his life. They were joined together by marriage on July 18, 1981. They have been married 41 years this year and it can be said they were soulmates. Together they had 6 beautiful children Lori Blum (Stephen), Rachel (Trevor), Elizabeth (Anthony), Jonas and Joshua Cook.

Dad got a job with Hydro at the age of 18 to make a life for his family. He worked his way up in Hydro and went back to school and graduated as a Red Seal Millwright. He worked with Hydro for over 30 years and was recently retired. He and Mom travelled all over Turtle Island to ceremonies and to visit his many dear friends. One of his dreams was to go overseas, and in 2019 he and mom went to Europe and he ended up going to see one of his favourite bands the Rolling Stones in London, England.

In 1996, Dad was acknowledged by the Lieutenant Governor of Manitoba, the Premier of Manitoba and his local Manitoba MLA for running into a burning house and saving lives. That is what our Dad did, he went into fires to save lives. This led Dad to become a volunteer Fireman and Dad loved his community, his people and his land. He had a beautiful aura that would attract many. We will miss his smile and his mischievous grin. Dad was a skilled hunter, trapper, fisherman’s helper and generational commercial fisherman. Dad was also a delegated as a Board of Trustee for the Grand Rapids Fisherman’s Co-op, he advocated for the local fisherman and held this responsibility in the highest regard. Dad lived to keep our traditions alive. He was an avid outdoorsman and loved going hunting and on trips with his many hunting buddies.

Dad walked the red road for over 40 years in every aspect of his life. He exemplified the Seven Sacred Teachings: Love, Humility, Respect, Courage, Wisdom, Honesty and Truth. He lived and breathed the medicine wheel spreading his wealth of knowledge. He was deeply involved in the community, was a MCN Guardian and a respected Elder. He shared his land-based teachings and had many

skills and breathed humility. He has so much knowledge and knew the land and medicines and protected sacred sites all over Turtle Island. Dad is a Sundance Chief and will be lovingly remembered by his Sundance family. He was guided by his ancestors and helped many as a pipe carrier, knowledge keeper, spiritual healer and sweat lodge conductor. He made countless connections and changed the lives of all he knew. With no questions asked, no matter their situation, heritage or beliefs, he sat up all hours sharing space with all who needed it.

Dad leaves behind his wifey, best friend and the love of his life, Brenda Lee. He was a loving father to all of his children and also his adopted daughter Laverna Baker. He leaves behind his cherished 11 grandchildren: Cohen, Kansas, Brock, Joshua Jr., Kennedy, Abel, Brielle, Neal, Blayke, Talon and Warren and honorary grandchild Katelyn Ferland-Pierce. He will be fondly remembered and missed by his numerous nieces and nephews, cousins, friends and hunting buddies. He leaves to mourn his aunts Rubina, Ann, Linda (Roxy), and Marie; uncles Ray “Koobie”, Bill, Charlie; his extended family from Moose Lake; brothers-in-law Lloyd (Isabel), Larry (Stephanie), Carl (Delores); sisters-in-law Lorraine (Wayne), Georgina (Brian), Val, Levina (Kevin), Melina (Dwayne), Cindy and Zerlina. We understand that Dad has many family, friends and relatives from all over and to numerous to mention if we missed you it was not intentional. Dad also leaves his loving Godchildren Kerri-Lynn Cook, Cameron Ferland, Jenna Hafenbrak, Cadence Turner, Tammy Ault and Emily Cook. Dad was predeceased and joined his family in the spirit world. We know it was a beautiful reunion.

WAKE SERVICES

Thursday, July 7, 2022 at 565 Beardsy’s Point, Grand Rapids, MB

Friday, July 8, 2022 at Chief Peter Beardsy Memorial Center, Grand Rapids

FUNERAL SERVICE

Saturday, July 9, 2022 1:00

Chief Peter Beardsy Memorial Center, Grand Rapids, MB

Officiant: Ray “Turk” Desjarlais

INTERMENT

St. Alexander Catholic Cemetery, Grand Rapids, MB

PALLBEARERS

Cam Ferland, Greg Anderson, Cody Helgason, Douglas Ferland, Ryan Fontaine, Dillon George, Chris Ferland and Maurice Turner.

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Ray “Turk” Desjarlais, Fred Stevens, Merv McKay, Paul Tredeau,

Ralph Bourassa, Wilfred Buck, Trevor McKenzie,

Christopher “Dookie” Richard and all of his Sundance Family members.

We would like to thank all of our family and friends for the support you have shown us during this difficult time, we want to acknowledge the community of Grand Rapids, Misipawistik Cree Nation, Fisherman’s Co-op, Ron and Shelly Cook, all of the McKay Lake Sundance family and to everyone who offered to help us with “anything we needed”. We can feel our Dads presence and it warms our hearts to know that he is going to be alright in his next journey. Ekosi.