VIEWING SERVICE
Thursday, November 5, 2026 9:00 am – Noon
Chapel of Hemauer Funeral Home, The Pas, MB

WAKE SERVICE
Thursday, November 5, 2026
Christ the King Roman Catholic Church, Leaf Rapids, MB

FUNERAL SERVICE and INTERMENT
Friday, November 6, 2026 11:00 am
Graville Lake Cemetery, Granville Lake, MB

PALLBEARERS
William Baker, Lloyd Bird, Marcel Bird, Billy Dyshart,
Gordon Bighetty, Peter Merasty, Claud Bighetty,
Jason Van Nieuwenhuizen and Justin Moose.

HONORARY PALLBEARERS
Madeline Linklater and family,
Gordon and Irene Bighetty and family,
Peter Merasty and family, Clearence Bighetty and family,
Billy Dyshart and family, Calvin Hart and family,
the Spence family, the Colomb family,
Edward and Betty Bear and family,
Dianne Dumas and family,
Paul and Corrine Bighetty and family,
Helen Colomb and family,
Mike and Barbara Dumas and family,
the Dumas family, the Bird family,
Justin Moose and family,
David Bighetty, along with the communities
of Leaf Rapids and Granville Lake.

Hemauer Funeral Home, The Pas, Manitoba
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In Loving Memory Of

Abel Michael Bird

January 31, 1971 – October 21, 2026



Abel was born on January 31, 1971, in The Pas, Manitoba. As a child he lived in Granville Lake with his grandparents, Pierre and Louisa Bird. He later moved to Nelson House, where John and Flora Spence, Lawrence Spence and the Hart family were happy to help raise him.

Abel was a humble, loving and kind man with a genuine heart. He always had a helping hand to offer, and helping others was his greatest gift. He was supportive and generous to everyone he met, and he cared deeply about the people he loved. He would go out of his way to help someone, always with a smile, and he had many friends and family in all walks of life.

Abel worked as a heavy equipment operator, mechanic and water treatment operator. He loved hunting and trapping, and he loved being out on the water catching fish as a lifelong commercial fisherman. His spirit will forever ride the waves. He travelled to Nelson House, South Indian Lake, Pukatawagan, The Pas and Leaf Rapids to visit family and friends, and most of all his children, whom he loved so much. He was a loving and caring father.

Abel passed away suddenly on Wednesday, October 21, 2026, in Leaf Rapids, Manitoba, at the age of 55 years.

He is survived by his children Andrea, Stacey, Karson, Fiona, William and Jorja; grandchildren Tay, Ali, Emery and Amari; siblings Lloyd and family, Solomon and family, Marcel and family, Marchela and family, Lisa and family, and Bobby and family; nephews, nieces, and extended family and friends. He is also survived by his last living uncle, Paul Bird, whom he always made a special trip to visit, along with many relatives and close friends too numerous to mention. If we forgot anyone, it was not intentional.

Abel was predeceased by his mother, Georgina Bird; his father, Marcel Bighetty; grandparents Pierre Bird, Louisa Bird, Harriett Bighetty and George Bighetty; daughter, Missy Baker; brothers Joseph Bird, Roy Bird, Francis Bird and Ralph Bird; niece Shawna Bird; nephew Shawney Daniels; uncles Emile Bird, Jimmy Bird, Abraham Bird, Thomas Bird, Henry Linklater, Bruno Bighetty, Frank Bighetty, Theodore Bighetty, Stan Bighetty and Julien Bighetty; aunties Theresa Dumas, Emma Fontaine, Lillian McDonald, Jane Linklater, Betty Bird and Lena Colomb.

Abel will be truly missed by many. He was loved for his kindness, his love and his helping hand. We will carry your memory, in our hearts every day. Rest peacefully. You are loved beyond words and missed more than you will ever know.