



**WAKE SERVICE**  
Tuesday, December 22, 2020  
29 Sesame Street, Trader's Lake, Manitoba

**FUNERAL SERVICE**  
Wednesday, December 23, 2020 1:00 pm  
29 Sesame Street, Trader's Lake, Manitoba  
Presider: Pastor Allard Nasikapow

**INTERMENT**  
Wednesday, December 23, 2020  
St. John's Churchyard Cemetery, Moose Lake, Manitoba

**PALLBEARERS**  
Jacob Nasekapow, Lee McNabb, Jr Nasekapow, Simon McKay,  
Dakota Daniels, Rod Bignell, Douglas Grey, Raymond Bignell,  
Fred Grey, Andy Grey, Ernest Grey, Linus Tobacco,  
Leonard Ettawakapow, Samuel Jr. Ettawakapow, David Tobacco,  
Wayne Lambert, Herman Buck, George Tobacco, Alfred Tobacco,  
James Sinclair, Solomon James, Robert George, Bart Ettawakapow,  
Tyler Grey, Bernard Tobacco, James Sinclair,  
Clifford Ballantyne "Killipoo", Patrick Ballantyne "Panther".

**HONORARY PALLBEARERS**  
All of Mary Ann's family and friends.

*In lieu of flowers, donations to the  
Canadian Diabetes Association, 200-310 Broadway, Winnipeg, Manitoba,  
R3C 0S6, would be appreciated by Mary Ann's family.*



**Hemauer Funeral Home, The Pas, Manitoba**

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*In Loving Memory of*  
**Mary Ann Bignell**  
October 18, 1955—December 12, 2020



*Psalm 23*

*The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.  
He makes me to lie down in green pastures:  
He leads me beside the still waters.  
He restores my soul: He leads me in the paths  
of righteousness for His name's sake.  
Yea, though I walk through the valley  
of the shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil: for you are with me;  
Your rod and your staff, they comfort me.  
You prepare a table before me  
in the presence of my enemies:  
You anoint my head with oil; my cup runs over.  
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life:  
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.*



It is with great sadness that we announce the loss of our loved one Mary Ann Bignell. Mary Ann passed away Saturday, December 12, 2020 at the Health Sciences Centre, Winnipeg, Manitoba, at the age of 65 years.

Mary Ann was born to Flora Jane and Solomon Tobacco, Tuesday, October 18, 1955 in The Pas Manitoba. Growing up Mary Ann had 12 siblings, throughout her childhood Mary Ann lived in Moose Lake but during the summer her and her family would camp at Birch Island or Pickerel Channel. Mary Ann would often reminisce about her younger years, she would talk about her time attending Moose Lake School, and Dauphin McKay School. One of her favorite stories was when she met the love of her life Roderick.

Roderick and Mary Ann were together for 6 years before they got married. Mary Ann and Roderick were united in marriage on November 5, 1973 and they recently celebrated their 47<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Together Roderick and Mary Ann were blessed with 6 children, 20 grandchildren, and 3 great grandchildren. Mary Ann was better known as Lalan or Erikakane to those who knew her well. She loved to joke around and she loved to be around her family and friends.

Mary Ann, Hazel, Edna, Mabel, Evelyn and Flora started the North Arm Camp. They loved to find special ways to spend time with their families. Mary Ann went to camp for 28 years straight. She loved to help with fundraising activities like treaty Santa Claus. She also loved to cook, go to her grandchildren and great grandchildren's birthday parties. Mary Ann also enjoyed watching Metaway Days and Indian Days in Cross Lake and The Pas, she always had a good time watching the tootsie contest. A few times Mary Ann even mentioned that she had entered a square dancing competition.

Mary Ann's precious time was spent with her husband, children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. She also loved to invite her friends over to visit. Mary Ann was always happy when her siblings would call or

stop by. Her brothers Samuel Ettawakapow, Raymond Tobacco and sister Virginia Grey would check in on their sister daily.

One of our favorite memories was hearing her say "Whatever" or "Ahh.....shuddap!" when someone would tease her.

Mary Ann was very close to many of her nieces Marlene, Clairra, June, Margaret, and Matilda. She cared a lot about them, along with her close friends Nellie, Margaret "Butts", Laz and Carol.

Mary Ann's faith was strong, and we feel ease knowing that she went home to be with Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. She leaves us cherished memories. Mary Ann is survived her **husband** Roderick (Lamis); **daughters** Rita (Lee) McNabb and Shelly (Jacob) Nasekapow; **sons** Rod (Vieanna) Bignell, Dakota Daniels and Raymond Bignell; **brothers** Raymond Tobacco and Samuel Ettawakapow; **sister** Virginia Grey; **grandchildren** Bertha Jane, Junior, Sharon, Evelyn, Raylen, Lilly, Tianna, Francis, Alexander, Ethan, Daniel, Chantelle, Terran, Ryah, Raymond Jr., Ryan "Toot", Rayden, Roman, Hillary, Ryan Ross; **great grandchildren** Trent, Tyler, Winston, Felix; **sisters-in-law** Delia Umpherville, Violet Monias, Susan Ettawakapow, Emma Campbell, Jane Cook, Mary Greenleaf; **brother-in-law** Angus Bignell; **Godchildren** Janine, Sharon, Melanie Campbell, Patsy Campbell, Antonio Martin, Flora Grey and Ochee Ballantyne; special friends too numerous to mention.

Mary Ann was predeceased by her **parents** Flora Jane and Solomon Tobacco; **in-laws** Elise and Douglas Bignell; **son** Justin Bignell; **daughter** Evelyn Bignell; **great grandchild** Baby Easter; **brothers** Bernard Tobacco, James Ettawakapow, Paul Tobacco, Alfred John Tobacco, Irvin Tobacco, and John Charles Monias; **sisters** Samaria Wilson, Elizabeth Martin and Catherine Lathlin; **sisters-in-law** Elizabeth Grey, Lorna Scott, Agnes Campbell, Florence Ettawakapow, Flora Jean Tobacco; **brothers-in-law** Roderick Grey Sr., David Wilson, Leonard Lathlin, Bart Martin.

If anyone was missed is was not intentional.

