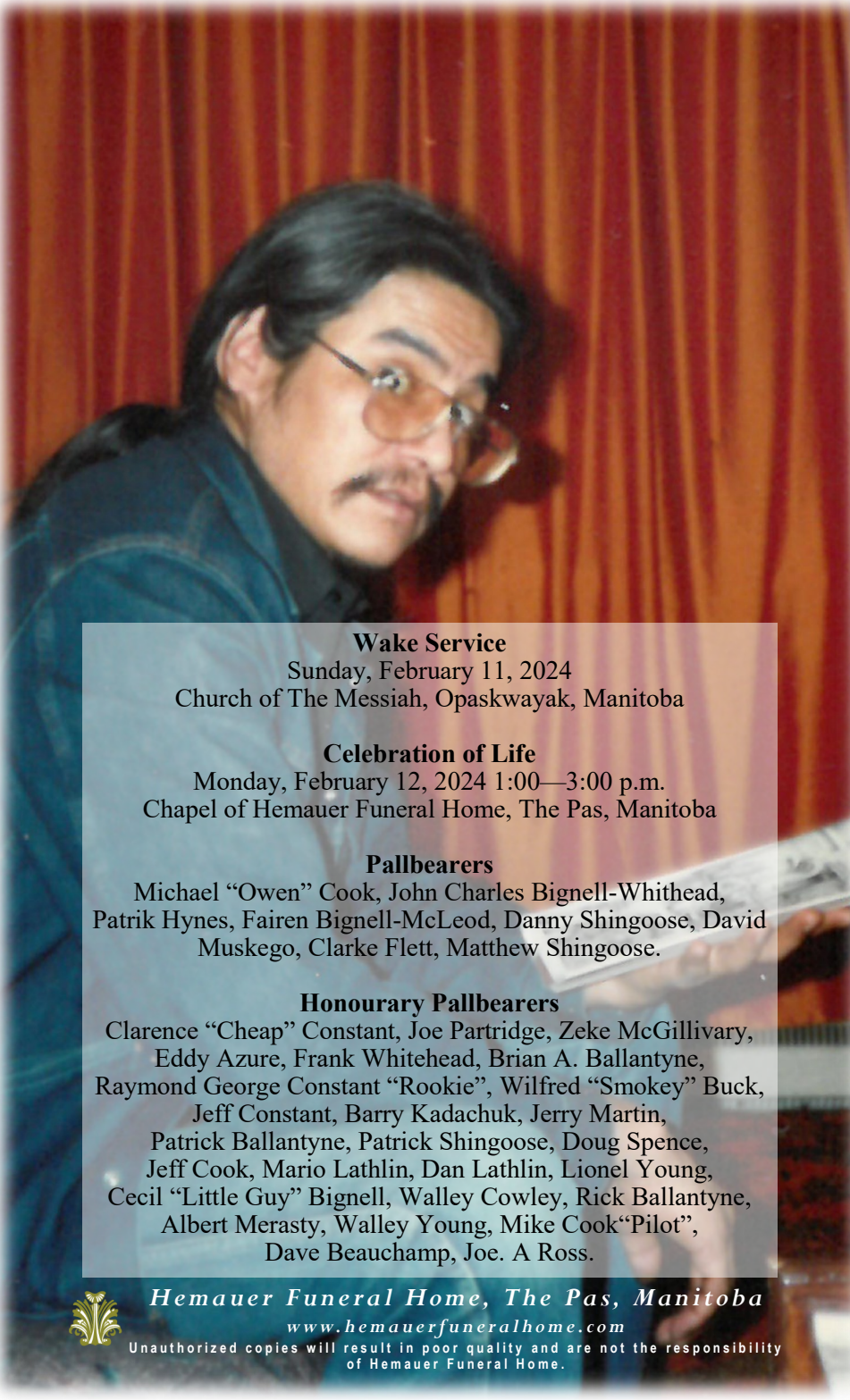


A portrait of a man with dark hair, a mustache, and glasses, wearing a blue jacket. He is looking slightly to the side with a thoughtful expression. The background is a warm, textured orange-red.

**Wake Service**  
Sunday, February 11, 2024  
Church of The Messiah, Opaskwayak, Manitoba

**Celebration of Life**  
Monday, February 12, 2024 1:00—3:00 p.m.  
Chapel of Hemauer Funeral Home, The Pas, Manitoba

**Pallbearers**  
Michael “Owen” Cook, John Charles Bignell-Whithead,  
Patrik Hynes, Fairen Bignell-McLeod, Danny Shingoose, David  
Muskego, Clarke Flett, Matthew Shingoose.

**Honourary Pallbearers**  
Clarence “Cheap” Constant, Joe Partridge, Zeke McGillivray,  
Eddy Azure, Frank Whitehead, Brian A. Ballantyne,  
Raymond George Constant “Rookie”, Wilfred “Smokey” Buck,  
Jeff Constant, Barry Kadachuk, Jerry Martin,  
Patrick Ballantyne, Patrick Shingoose, Doug Spence,  
Jeff Cook, Mario Lathlin, Dan Lathlin, Lionel Young,  
Cecil “Little Guy” Bignell, Walley Cowley, Rick Ballantyne,  
Albert Merasty, Walley Young, Mike Cook “Pilot”,  
Dave Beauchamp, Joe. A Ross.



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**“I Live a full  
life, not a  
good one,  
but a fun  
life.”  
-Barney**



Patrick passed away peacefully on Thursday, February 8, 2024 at 9:06 am at St. Anthony's Hospital, The Pas, MB, with his daughter Rona at his side after a brave battle with cancer.

Pat was born Wednesday, September 22, 1954, in The Pas, Manitoba to Paul R. Bignell and Dorothy Bignell.

Patrick lived most of his life in OCN on Riverside Drive with his parents and siblings. Patrick went to residential school at the tender age of 5 years old in Dauphin, Manitoba, where he attended residential school for 8 years. He attended MBCI for 2 years, then TecVoc and graduated high school.

In his teens, Patrick participated in several sports where he met his lifelong friends. In his early adulthood, he was involved with the Pow Wow circuit as one of the lead singers in OCNs Pow Wow group. During this time, he became an activist for our people's rights and was affiliated with AIM (American Indian Movement) in Oka Territory. Patrick was a firm believer in our people's rights and partook in the fight against the Saxons alongside his friends and brothers.

In the midst of his many, many travels with his friends and family across his North American adventures, he found the love of his life, Elizabeth Head. They were married on May 14, 1976. Together they had 3 daughters.

Shortly after marriage, they were expecting their first child with excitement, so much so that he and his mother in law left for the hospital without Betty, when she went into labour with Genevieve.

Patrick had a new family to provide for and he went to the University of Brandon in 1978 to further his education and graduated with his first degree, a bachelor of arts.

Sadly, Patrick and Elizabeth experienced a life altering trauma with the death of their daughter, Tannis. Her passing, after her never forgotten life, shook the entire family on both paternal and maternal sides. After mourning the death of their heartbreak, they were blessed with their daughter Rona Bignell, who was named by her sister, Genevieve.

Patrick continued his life with much pain in his heart, but he always was so kind and helpful to everyone he met. Patrick was focused on researching history and the bible and finding answers to his own questions to complete his thesis. This was his main concern to finish, before he got sick with lung cancer.

Patrick's life was a reflection of his resilience, kindness and commitment to his family and heritage. His passing is mourned deeply, but his spirit and teachings will continue to inspire and guide us.

Patrick is survived by his children Genevieve Bignell and Rona Bignell; grandchildren John Charles Bignell-Whithead, Tenielle Collier, Darcie Bignell, Meadow, Patrik and Connor Hynes; siblings Brenda Bignell, Tyrone (Cathy McLeod), Pauline (Irbin) Muskego, Elsie Dorion and Flynn Dorion; nieces and nephews Adrienne Shingoose, Diane Shingoose, Daniel (Megan) Shingoose, Pernell Bignell-McLeod (Michelle), Fairen Bignell-McLeod, Albert McLeod, Dana Muskego, David (Mary) Muskego, Sasheen Bignell, Memri (John Moreton) Bignell, Rory, Shania and Kendra Bignell, Clarke (Pam Mayhem) Flett, Terrell (Randy) Downwind, Danica Ballantyne, Giselle (Michael) Brass; great nieces and nephews Gordon (Josie), Matthew, Ian Rebecca, Yvette (Horse), Race (Jessie), Bret, Brandon, Teddy, Sasha Shingoose, Faith, Shawn, Malia, Jurnee, Arianna, Jackson, Deryk, Morgan (Chris Vlug), Malory, Arlen-Jorge, Nadion Bignell, Brenden, Clarissa, Carmen (Ernie), Chantelle, Cayne, Chloe, Cadence, Callum, Presley, Chance (Payson) Flett, Cleavelin, Venyce, Giana Sayer, Niiwin, Mekwan Downwind, Troy Ballantyne-Cook, Jada, Jace Ballantyne, Ethan and Meeka Brass; great-great nieces and nephews Aliyah, Anastasia, Ayvah, Asher, Aniken, Aurora, Cohen, Kimmy, Kona, Zayn, Brylee, Brandynn, Xailey Shingoose, Azizah, Jasmine Shingoose, Grayson, and Natayah Bosse, Malia Muskego, Gabriel Bignell, Kai Sayer-Beaverbones, Mackennon Sayer-Bottle.

Patrick is predeceased by his daughter Tannis Hagar Bignell; parents Paul and Dora Bignell; siblings Ingrid, Lorraine, Clarke, John "Sir" and Edna Bignell; nephew Johnny Bignell; niece Daleen Muskego-Bosse.