

We Gather to Celebrate the Life of
(to follow Covid Protocol)

Richard “Richie” Bignell

Thursday, February 4, 2021

Hemauer Funeral Home, The Pas, Manitoba

Presider: Rev. Flora Young

Order of Service

Opening: Angie Bignell

Eulogy : Diane Pelly

Song: “God has Taken Another Angel Home”

Reading: Obituary

Prayer: Lords Prayer

Commendation: Rev. Flora Young

Song: “Go Rest High on the Mountain” Vince Gill

PALLBEARERS

Charles Head, Jefferson Cook, Wynn Bignell,
Layne Young, Fred Lathlin, Corey Bignell,
Shawn Reinfort, Matthew Cook.

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Brett ”Fella” Bignell, Kane Bignell, Katrina McGillivray,
Hank Cook, Larry Young, Rob Gemmill, Alex Belfour,
Earnest Bercier, Gateway Dave, Patrick Shone,
Winstone Daily-Thomas.

*In lieu of flowers, donations to the
UCN Mamawechetotan Food Pantry Program,
Box 3000, The Pas, Manitoba, R9A 1M7, or #995 at the
Grub Box, would be appreciated by Richie’s family.*

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In Loving Memory Of

Richard Kaine Bignell
“Richie”

April 29, 1971—January 24, 2021



Richard was born Thursday, April 29, 1971 in Winnipeg, Manitoba, at the Woman's Pavilion. He was raised in Opaskwayak Cree Nation most his life, and he spent 2 years living with his Granny Irene 'mom.' His grandfather, Solomon 'dad,' who gave him the nickname "Bulldog," because from a young age, they knew he had a taste for food, so much so that he would make his own baby bottle. He would clean, fill and heat it by the age of 3.

Richie helped take care of his younger sisters Angie and Soda by making sure they had breakfast, making their lunch and getting them on the bus. When Melissa came along years later, his nurturing went into overdrive and took care of her in the most loving way.

During his early years, you could always find him hanging out with his cousins Madeline and Charles. They were always in trouble for one thing or another. They once convinced their granny that they had found a dead body and the police were called, only to find that there was no body to be found, and they went running, boy did they get a good lickin' for that.

Later, he would hang out with Big Pete, George, Fred, Uncle Fella and Phillip Constant. They would listen to music and try their hand at forming a band together, with Richard playing guitar.

At the age of 14, he moved to Alberta with his family. When his family moved back to OCN 2 years later, he asked to stay behind to continue school. He worked at night and went to school during the day. Eventually he discontinued school and decided to focus on working full time. That was when he worked in various restaurants and learned to love being in the food service industry.

When he returned back home as a teenager, he sat outside the

house stuck to a motorcycle, his mom and dad had to peel him off the bike after sitting for more than 12 hours. He was here to stay and started working miscellaneous jobs. For a short time he moved to Saskatoon with his cousin Jeff and they provided security service...

After this he decided his life calling had always been cooking. He decided to attend Keewatin Community College (UCN). There he took Commercial Cooking and graduated 2002. During this time he attended the Wheat City Culinary Classic, where Richie and his fellow classmates received a Silver Medal, which filled him with pride even to this day.

Shortly after graduating from commercial cooking, he was hired in the cafeteria at UCN, and during his summer months he worked to fill his time. He worked at Kikiwak, Mr.Ribs, Wescana, Spuds, and Caribou Lodge. He also did many weddings, reunions, official functions for businesses, friends and family events. You could always call on Rich to help cook.

In 2014 he took on the task of teaching Culinary Arts and travelled back and forth from Easterville for 2 years. His weekends and free time were spent with the late Big Rick, Layne, Conan, Marlene, Cory, Diane, Fella, Jen, Doris, Jefferson and Blake

Richard was a kind, generous, welcoming, loving, approachable, sociable, caring, trustworthy, thoughtful, humorous man with a memorable laugh.

Richard passed at Health Sciences Centre, Winnipeg, Manitoba on Sunday, January 24th, 2021 due to a medical emergency. He is survived by his partner Jennifer Daily; his daughters Katrina McGillivray and new found daughter McKenna Sutherland.

Richie will be missed by his family, **mother** Margaret Cook; **father** Craig (Helen); **sisters** Angie, Rhoda (Joshua), Melissa (Byron); **uncles** Derrick, Ribs, Johnny, Kane, Cookie, Fella; **aunties** Sister, Bernice, Annie; **nieces and nephews** Corey, Reagan, Reid, Brandon, Jaxon, Wynn, Gavin, Luke, Elijah, Keely, Ava, Jorja, Angel, Menesa, Zoey; many cousins too numerous to mention.

Richie was predeceased by **grandparents** Irene and Solomon Cook, Alice Nevischuck, Phillip Bignell; **Godparents** The Late Chief Cornelius and Florence Bignell; **uncles** Cecil "Little Guy" Bignell, Jeffery Cook, Rod Cook; **auntie** Phyllis Bignell; **brother-in-law** Joseph Henderson; **best friends** Richard "Big Rick" Ballantyne and Marty McGillivray. If we forgot anyone it was not intentional.

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