

WAKE SERVICE

Sunday, December 11, 2022 5:00 pm
Sturgeon Landing Youth Center, Sturgeon Landing, SK

FUNERAL SERVICE

Monday, December 12, 2022 1:00 pm
Sturgeon Landing Youth Center, Sturgeon Landing, SK
Presider: Father Shantha Gandamalla

INTERMENT

Sturgeon Landing Cemetery, Sturgeon Landing, SK

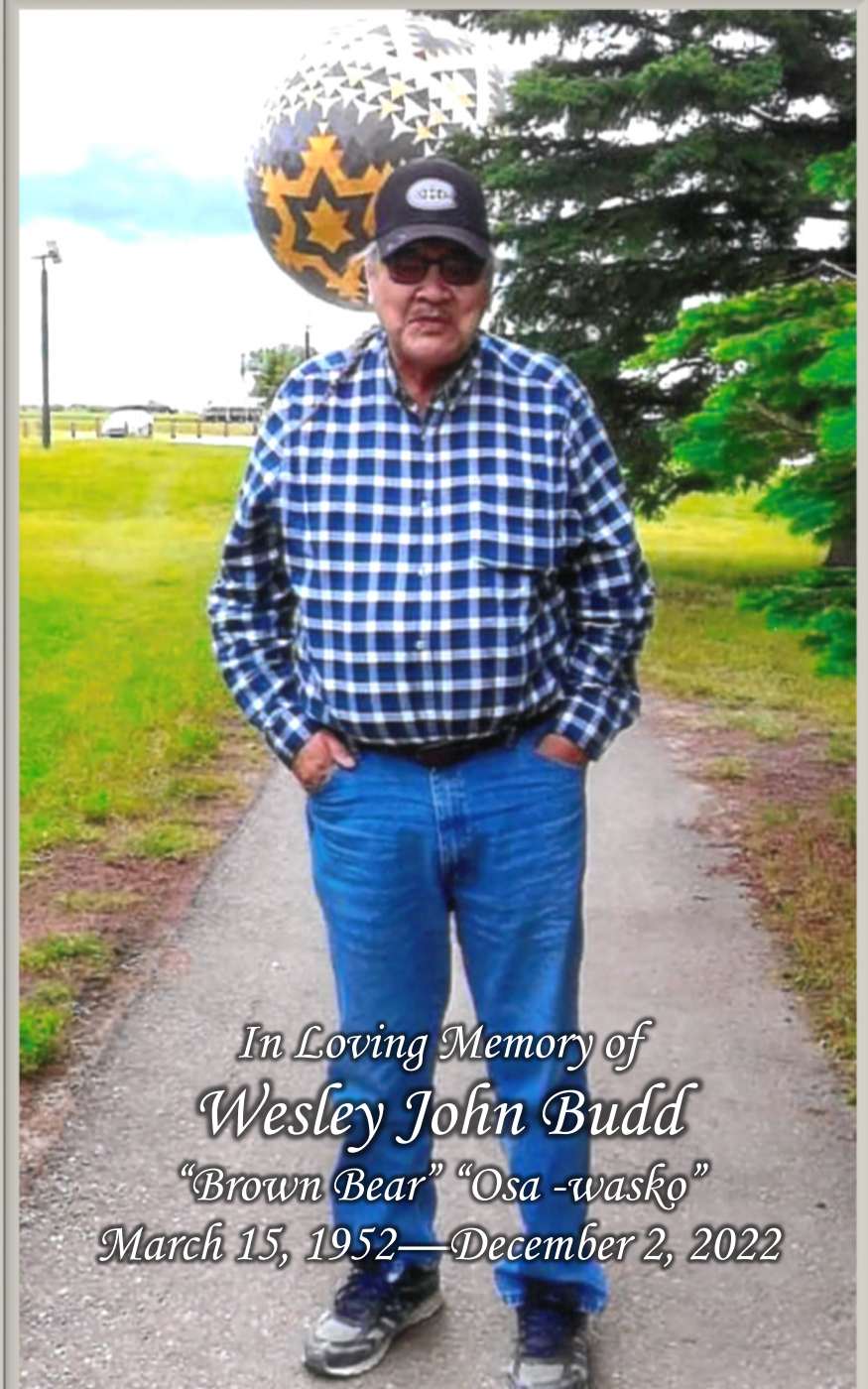
ACTIVE PALLBEARERS

Rodney, Kevin, Richard, Phillip, Leonard,
Andrew, Darren,
Shawn, Richard, Delmere, and Peter.

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Glen and Marlene Budd
Cornelius Budd and family
Patsy Budd and family
Orvella and Richard Dionne
and family
Beverley Sinclair and family
Allan Michelle and family
Phillip and Victoria Michelle
and family
Hank Ballantyne and family
Horace and Brenda Morin
Darrell "Boots" McCallum
Joe and Sue McGilvary
Reggie and Juanita Carriere
Leonard & Donald Michelle
Evonne & John Knight & family
Charles Whitecap & family
Pam & Peter Ballantyne & family
Randy Tkachyk & family
Andre Beaulieu & family
Jeannie Carriere and Foster
Don and Serena Linklater
Lena Pfund and family
Ann Head and family
Eddy & Debbie Roy & family
Wanda Budd & Scott McKay

Jennifer & Gillis Bear & family
Glenda Budd & family
Delmere & Monica & family
Katherine and Nelson and
family
Camilla and Frankie and family
Natalie and family
Dussion family
Michelle family
Dorion family
Moore family
Buck family
Halkett family
McLeod family
Beatty family
Sinclair family – Rodney,
Kevin & family, Charles &
family)
Jim Metz and Brenda Bonner
Caroline McGinnis and family
Moose Lake community
members and family and
friends too numerous to
mention. If we forgot anyone it
was not intentional.



In Loving Memory of
Wesley John Budd
"Brown Bear" "Osa -wasko"
March 15, 1952—December 2, 2022



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It is with heavy hearts that we share the unexpected loss of our loved one Wesley.

Wesley met his companion and best friend Donna in 1990 and have been together 32 years. They both were passionate and well respected in the education field. The students loved and respected both of them as

educators. They enjoyed camping and travelling

Wesley went to elementary school in Sturgeon Landing, junior high in Cumberland House, high school in Nipawin. He attended the University of Saskatchewan in Saskatoon. He received his teaching degree specializing in Native Studies and History. Also, he attended the University of Regina.

Wesley worked in the educational field. He began his career at the Gabriel Dumont Institute in Regina as a Native Studies Instructor. Wesley wrote a research paper entitled - The History of The Metis Organization of Saskatchewan. He worked at Prince Charles in Prince Albert as a Native counsellor. He worked at Cumberland House, Shoal Lake, Sturgeon Landing as a Principal/Teacher. He was a Cree Language Instructor/Consultant in Pelican Narrows. At Moose Lake, he worked as a high school teacher and at the Moose Lake Adult Learning Centre.

Many of his former students would tell Wesley if it was not for him teaching them, they would not be where they are today. They are now employed.

Wesley was diagnosed with cancer in 2016. He was given 6 to 8 months to live. He beat the odds and survived till his passing on Friday, December 2, 2022, at the age of 70 years.

In July Wesley had 2 heart attacks and received surgeries. He was very ill. Sometimes family members would post pictures of Wesley recently. People would say, "You are looking good!" Wesley would tell me if they only knew I may look good on the outside but inside I am feeling intense pain. While he was sick, he never complained. He had many sleepless nights. Everyday he was in pain.

Wesley enjoyed fishing, hunting, curling, camping, and travelling. He enjoyed watching sports. His favorite teams were the Toronto Blue Jays and Montreal Habs.

He was very loved by his family. He had a kind nature about him. He loved to tease and joke with people. He was a wonderful soul and a very kind person. He was well respected. Some people would call him the "Famous Mr. Budd". He was an amazing and wonderful person. He was positive, if there was a problem to encounter, he found a way to solve it.

Wesley enjoyed travelling. He could not stay in the house for too long. He had to be up and moving.

Wesley will be sadly missed by family and friends. His memories will be cherished forever. He may be gone from the earth, he will never be forgotten. He was very giving. He would help people in their time of need by giving them donations or material goods depending on the situation.

Wesley shared the following to a friend who lost his child. "God seen

your child struggling and going through hard times and it was God who called her. Come to my home where there is no pain but everlasting joy." Wesley's friend told me Wesley's words helped him lots to get through each day.

Wesley believed and respected the Native Culture. His spiritual Cree name is "Osa-wasko" which means Brown Bear. He was a strong believer and participant of Indian traditional values and culture. He had knowledge in traditional medicines and healings. He ran his own sweat lodge. He participated in Sundances and Traditional Ceremonies. He helped many people.

Wesley is survived by his **partner** Donna; **aunt** Louisa Buck; **children** Henry, Oliver, Rhonda, Rose; **adopted daughters** Chelsea and Judy; **adopted spiritual daughters** Cindel and Zeda; **Godchildren** Josh and Darius; **brother** Cornelius; **sister** Patsy; **nieces and nephews** Glen, Debbie, Glenda, Wanda, Rodney, Charles, Kevin Lester, Blake, Kyle, Delmere, Randy, Robbie, Gaylen, Cory, Orvella, Caitlin, Pam, Katherine, Natalie, Camilla, Jennifer, Chelsea, Darren, Shawn; and **our pet** Sky; numerous great nieces, nephews and grand children, too many to mention.

Wesley was predeceased by his **parents** Charlie and Ann Budd; **foster parents** John Marie Alma Morin; **grand daughter** Mikayla Merasty; **brothers** Roderick, Abraham, Pierre, Robert and Jonas; **sisters** Linda, Helen; **sisters-in-law** Gertie, Viola, Georgina, Linda; **brother-in-law** Sam; **nieces** Delilah, Rose; **nephews** Darren, Abe Jr. "Bongo" and Terrance.; and Wesley's beautiful **pet** Silver will be helping Wesley's journey to heaven. These were Wesley's wishes.

I wanted to say a few words about Mr. Budd/Wesley. Most of us know he was a caring, loving person. He also loved to travel with his partner Donna, back and forth to Winnipeg, The Pas and Moose Lake. I am also their adopted spiritual daughter, Cindel. We all loved to travel together! Wesley also enjoyed listening to his music while travelling and telling stories. Mr. Budd was a teacher/principal here in Sturgeon Landing. Wesley and Donna also had a dog named Silver who also went home with him, they really enjoyed having him, they really enjoyed having Silver. Wesley was a good person to everybody! God called him home. He saw Mr. Budd was so sick and God said, "Come with me. Come home now son, no more suffering, it's your time." Also, Mr. Budd loved to joke around with people and laugh. We are going to miss Mr. Budd.

Thank you, Cindel Young

Mr. Budd once said, "Don't cry for me. I will be okay! Heaven is my home now and this is where I'll stay. I'm where I belong, I want you to be happy and try to stay on the other side. I am not alone, the Angels are with me to welcome me home. Don't cry for me, for I have no fear. All my pain is gone and Jesus took my tears. This is not the end, I'll be waiting here for you Donna and my spiritual daughter Cindel and our dog Sky!

Until we meet again!"

Thank you to Cumberland House, Pelican Narrows and Moose Lake and others for your financial support.

Thank you for the singers to help with this journey and others helping with cooking, providing food, getting the Youth Centre ready, making the flowers, candles and banners, setting up the burial site and all the other details needed to be done to help with Wesley's journey to heaven.