

Cecile "Wapos" and Celestine Bighetty; paternal grandparents Margaret and John Sinclair; and many other relatives that passed before were there to welcome him on his eternal journey.

Robert is survived by his mother Bella who resides in Pukatawagan; brothers Gordon, Mark Anthony and Adelard (Nadine); sisters Pauline, Denise and Darlene (Aaron); niece Nyna; nephews Clyford, Tyson, Svan, William, Micheal, Nanook and Nathaniel; grand nieces Jenyce, Autumn and Millie; grand nephews Tyrese and Zachary.

Bighetty family aunts Hilda, Susan, Lillian, Marietta; uncles William "Bill", John, Marc "Mojo" (Donna). Sinclair family aunts MaryAnn, Evelyn and Flora (Eli); uncles Mathias and Emile (Julianne).

Robert did not have children of his own but had a close family bond with his cousin Connie (Greg) and her family especially his little buddy Pierce whom he resided with until his passing.

He was often at his auntie Hilda's with her family for special occasions in Winnipeg. Rob had special relationships with his maternal aunts Susan and Lillian; paternal aunts Evelyn and Maryanne and their families. He talked with such pride about his uncle Mark (Mojo) and was looking forward to attending his graduation. He was very proud of his niece and nephew's accomplishments and talked fondly of them. He was sure to post a congratulations announcement and always wanted his family to strive for their goals.

Honorary mention of his friends Rick, Aaron "Joe", Graham, Gordon, Jordan, Isabel, Monique, Ellyce, Bernadine, Margaret, Heidi, Portia and Shannon. Robert was inspired by many and was fortunate to have all of you in his life.

Heartfelt thank you to all of his family and friends and if anyone was missed it was not intentional. In lieu of flowers please make a donation to the Manitoba Lung Association or Siloam Mission as these two organizations Robert was very supportive of their mission.

FLY HIGH Robert



In Loving
Memory
Of
**ROBERT
ALLEN
SINCLAIR**

October 5, 1962
June 10, 2020

"Awaiting a Sunrise"

*You are like the glowing beauty
of the sunrise,
and if I could I would stop
you from leaving,
but nobody can stop the setting
of the sun.
The shadows grow longer and
harder to catch.
The stars appear and I begin
to count the endless specks
of hope that soon you
will return.*

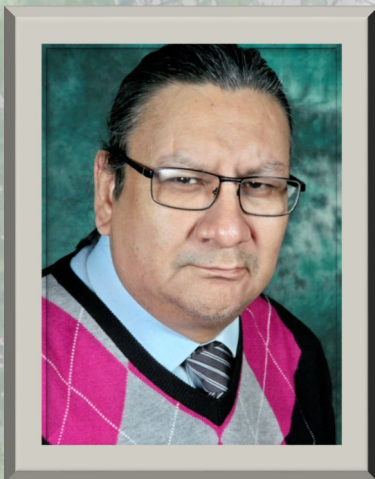
- Author Robert A. Sinclair



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Robert was the type of person that we all strive to be. In his character, he showed love to everyone in his circle, he was very respectful and courageous. He went through so much of his life fighting his lung disease but he rarely complained. Robert added his wisdom, wit, courage and humour to so many situations. He was a great observer, and at any given moment, he would come up with these amazing nuggets of wisdom and insight. He was honest, and faithfully spoke the truth. He had integrity and was always good to his word. He was humble and forever put others ahead of himself. With what ever he had he lovingly went that extra mile to celebrate a birthday, special occasion or accomplishment of his loved ones.

He was very resilient. As a young child, he was taken down south so that he could receive health care and remained away from his family for many years. When he was a teenager, he learned of where he came from and hitch hiked from the city to return to Pukatawagan to find and meet his family. He is a survivor of residential school and also attended School in Brandon and Winnipeg.

At the age of 20, Rob worked for a program called "Discovery 82" where he was a coordinator and organized educational and recreational activities for youth. He also volunteered with the Canadian Red Cross in 1986 as a youth delegate and travelled to Columbia, South America. He was an avid volunteer for events such as the Winnipeg Fringe Festival and the Pan Am Games. He was very social and loved being in venues that brought people together especially charity events to help those in need. He collected news articles of inspirational stories and also supported fundraisers for his close circle.

Rob worked in Thompson, Lynn Lake, Brandon, Paint Lake and Winnipeg in various industries. He completed his Certificate in Radio Broadcasting. To be a radio personality was his goal and he became the voice of CFPX when he returned to Pukatawagan to work at the Missinippi River Native Communications Incorporated (MRNCI) in the mid-90's. Widely recognized as "Radio Rob", his strong voice and his outstanding personality, brought such a great energy to all that knew him. The community would anxiously await Friday nights request show called "Rap Shak". He was instrumental in organizing the MRNCI Talent Search where many voices from Pukatawagan were given a stage to showcase their talent. Rob's passion was in broadcasting and he worked until the mid 2000's when he could no longer remain in the North due to his health. He once again had to relocate back to Winnipeg to be closer to medical facilities.

Despite Roberts charismatic personality, Robert also had a tender quiet side. He loved to read and valued his alone time. He spent numerous hours in the public library. Being chronically sick, he was used to being in the hospital for weeks and found ways to keep himself busy with crosswords and reading of newspapers. Rob was very sentimental. He saved cards and gifts from

everyone who gifted him tokens of friendship and organized all these things meticulously in their very own place. Rob also had amazing penmanship. He wrote down so many of his thoughts in journals, he wrote poetry and inspirational quotes. Rob was talented with his words. He enjoyed watching game shows, stand up comedians and documentaries. He stayed on top of current events and was always inquisitive, with a thirst for knowledge.

His signed many of his writings with the spirit name White Wolf and had been gravitating towards his Spiritual side to be closer to his Cree Culture. He was quite proud when he completed a Cree class to become more fluent. He listened carefully when the language was spoken and yearned to understand.

Once Rob moved back to Winnipeg, after short stays with family and friends even having to access city resources, he settled into Vendome apartments above Bleachers Sports Bar. This is a special place to him where he surrounded himself with close friends who became his support system. His very good friends down town always had his back and visited him regularly in the hospital. He made every possible attempt to attend family functions despite his health condition. When he felt good, he attended dinners, birthdays, graduations, etc and was there for so many people in his life. He travelled East to visit his sister, Darlene in New Brunswick and ventured West to visit his childhood friend, Rick in BC. He always put his family and friends first and always made us a priority. Within the last year he had started a Facebook page "Team Robert" where he wanted his friends and family to share in his journey. He was a very private man and this was a big step in opening himself up in his daily challenges but most importantly it was for the positivity of embracing each given day and hopefulness of transplant.

There is so much more to be written to try capture who Robert was, but one thing for certain is that he took each day as a gift, kept a positive attitude in the darkest of times and always remained hopeful, not ever giving up on any task that was before him.

On May 14th the miracle call came from the transplant team, Robert quickly had to travel to Edmonton, AB for a double lung transplant. Even in these uncertain times he was BRAVE, and in his own words, "NO FEAR" and wanted to proceed with the operation knowing all the risks. He had so much optimism for life after the transplant. His older sister Denise travelled to be there as his support person and faithfully remained at his side. The procedure was done on May 15, 2020. Complications developed and prayers remained strong from his loved ones. Days before his passing his sister witnessed their Uncle Corn at his bedside that we now understand was a sign he was there to offer guidance crossing over.

After a courageous battle, a true warrior the Creator called him home on Wednesday, June 10, 2020 in Edmonton, AB.

Robert joins in the spirit world his younger brother Harvey; sisters Patricia and Jean; father Leo Sinclair; his maternal grandparents

