

Funeral Service Celebrating the Life of

Lynn Young

Wednesday, November 24, 2021 1:00 pm

Church of the Messiah, Opaskwayak, Manitoba

Officiant: Rev. Gloria Lavallee

Music Ministry: Russell Cook Memorial Singers

Order of Service

The Funeral Liturgy: 589

Opening Prayer: 591

HYMN: "Amazing Grace"

First Reading: Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

Psalm 23:

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:51-57

HYMN: Cree 66

Eulogy/Story Telling

HYMN: Cree 132

Apostles' Creed: 592

Prayers of the People: 593

Tribute Song: "Go Rest High On That Mountain"

Zack and Jeremy Richards

Tribute Song: "Best Angel"

Lord's Prayer: 594

Commendation and the Blessing: 595

The Dismissal

Honor Song

Travelling Song

Come and Go Feast

Church of the Messiah Basement

PALLBEARERS

Harvey Richards Jr., Zack Richards, William Richards,
Jeremy Richards, Chance Richards, Sage Richards,
A.J. Cook, Brent Knutson, Walter Young Jr.

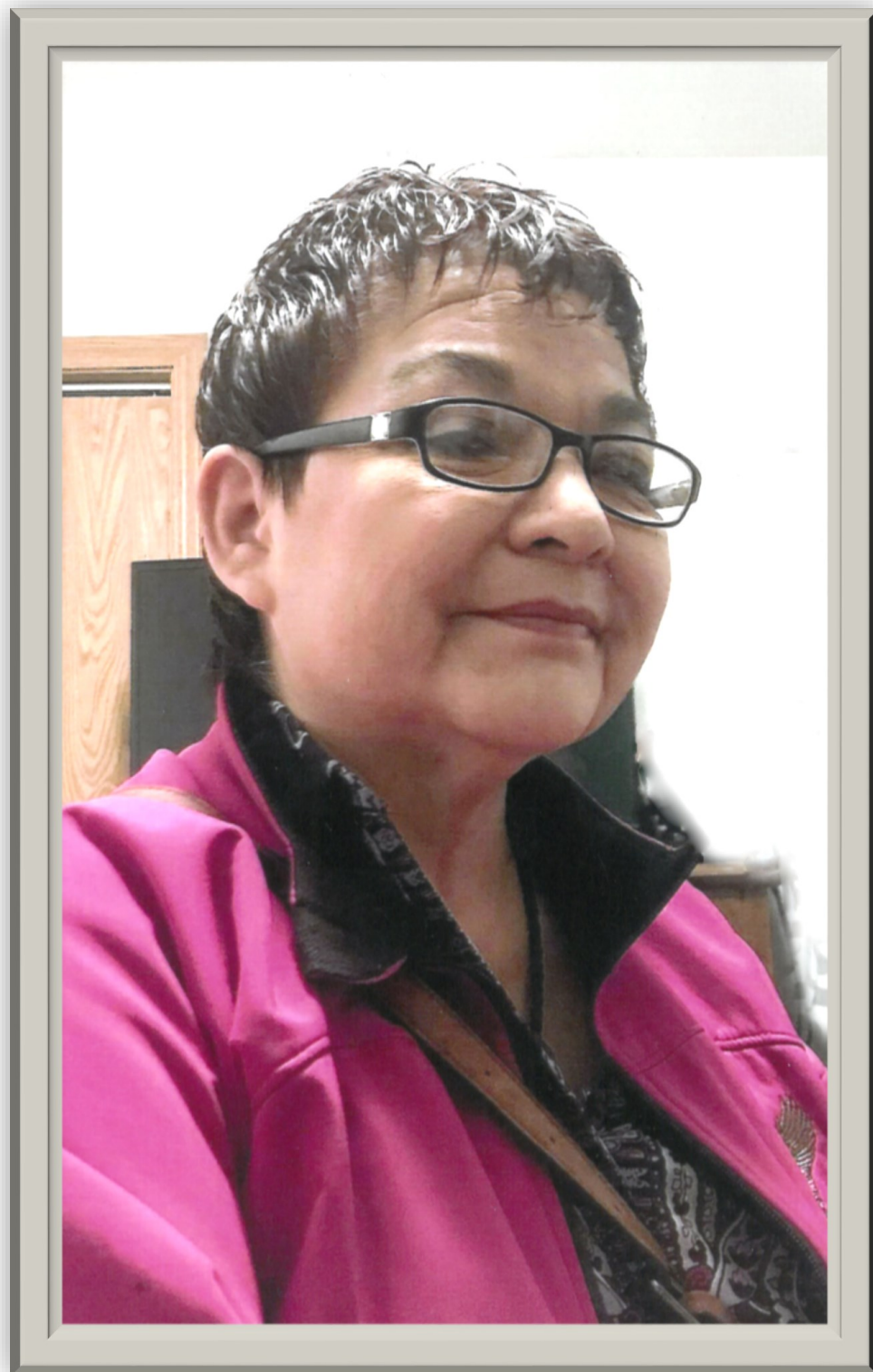
HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Nadine Nasecapow,
The Rod McGillivray Care Home residents and staff,
Muriel Young, Dayle Young, Cole Young.

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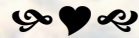
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In Loving Memory of
Lynn Young
“Ke wetinoo Pinesew Iskwew”
North Thunderbird Woman
February 13, 1962
November 16, 2021



On Tuesday, November 16, 2021, our dearly loved mother and nanny, Lynn passed over to the spirit world with her daughter Lisa and sisters Nadine and Emy by her side.

Lynn was born on Tuesday, February 13, 1962 in The Pas, Manitoba. She was raised in her home community of Opaskwayak Cree Nation by her parents Alice and Walter Young, alongside her siblings, Wally, Robert, Mary-Lou, Jeff, and Emy. As the eldest daughter of her family, Lynn grew to take on the responsibility of helping care for her siblings. She enjoyed her time as a big sister and often helped out on family trips going out to the lake and out of town to visit her aunts.

Lynn was a fluent Cree speaker and was taught the language from her grandparents (John and Elizabeth Young and William and Priscilla Lathlin) and her parents. She was able to use her knowledge of the language throughout her life as she worked with elders for nearly four decades. Lynn attending MBCI in her earlier years and around the age of 15, she began working at the Fairview Care Home in OCN.

In 1977, Lynn met the love of her life, the late Mervin “Nums” McGillivray at a social gathering at the old reserve hall. They joked about how they met, Nums approached her and said, “You look like a lawyer.”

Lynn loved dressing up and getting dolled up. They welcomed their baby girl Lisa Michelle in 1983. Lynn lovingly named Lisa in honour of her late twin sisters Lisa and Michelle. Together, they raised Lisa until Nums’ passing in 1989.

It was around this time that Lynn took on more schooling and graduated from a Women’s Carpentry Program and a Health Care Aid certification program. In 1990, Lynn continued on to care for elders. She was good at what she did and genuinely provided quality care for the residents.

Lynn was a devoted family member and cherished her many roles as a mother, a nanny, a sister, an aunt, a niece, and as a cousin. When Lynn’s parents left to the spirit world, she became the matriarch of her family. Lynn took on the responsibility of organizing family gatherings and hosting holiday dinners. Her dedication earned her the beloved nickname “Queen of Christmas”. It was guaranteed that her home and tree were elegantly decorated with glittery and glass ornaments, and her famous pie recipes attracted friends and family from all over. In addition to the

Christmas holidays, you could always count on Lynn to dress up in the best costumes for Halloween. One year, Nadine and Lynn went out dressed as nuns and won a costume contest.

When Lynn’s daughter Lisa became a mother, she completely doted on her first grandchild Alliyah Chantal. Alliyah gave Lynn the name Nanny-mommy which is what all her grandchildren would grow to call her. Lisa’s three children Alliyah, Ava, and A.J were the center of Lynn’s world. They were raised in the constant presence of their nanny Lynn and she made sure that they always felt loved and cared for. Lynn taught her grandchildren many things, including her cooking skills, her baking skills, her strong work ethic, and her kind nature.

Lynn made sure to open her home to her whole family at all times; it was a place to gather and enjoy each other’s company. If Lynn wasn’t working at the care home, you could usually find her visiting with family at home and drinking coffee. Her nieces and nephews and their children especially liked raiding her fridge for juice and fruit during their visits.

Lynn appreciated many things in her down time. In particular, Lynn collected fancy perfumes, beautiful scarves and jewelry. She loved finding new crystals, especially amethyst. She loved attending the yearly pow wow’s to see the dancers and listen to the singers. Lynn was a skilled cook and made the best stews and pies from scratch. No matter what Lynn was busy doing, she would be enjoying a Tim Horton’s double cream coffee.

Lynn is survived by her only child Lisa; grandchildren Alliyah, Ava, AJ; sisters Marylou (Don), Emy (Harvey), Nadine; nieces and nephews, many Godchildren, aunts, uncles, numerous cousins and friends.

Lynn was predeceased by her father Walter; mother Alice; siblings Lisa, Michelle, Jeff, Robert, Wally; and husband Mervin “Nums” McGillivray; and her Goddaughter Steffi Nasecapow.

WAKE SERVICE

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