

Wake Service

Sunday, December 5, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.
10 Golf Course Road, R.M. of Kelsey,
Manitoba

Funeral Service

Monday, December 6, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.
10 Golf Course Road, R.M. of Kelsey,
Manitoba

Presider: James Hemauer

Music: Russell Cook Memorial Singers

Pallbearers

Norman Brightnose, Steven Brightnose,
Jonathan Brightnose, Kenneth
Brightnose, Thomas Brightnose, Ron
Brightnose, Dwayne Brightnose, John
Brightnose Jr.

Honorary Pallbearers

Martin Brightnose, Simon Brightnose

*In lieu of flowers, donations to the Canadian Diabetes
Association, 401 – 1 Wesley Avenue, Winnipeg,
Manitoba R3C 4C6 would be appreciated by Edwards
Family.*



Hemauer Funeral Home, The Pas, Manitoba

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In Loving Memory Of

Edward John Brightnose

Feb 18, 1961 - Dec 1, 2021



Edward John Brightnose was born on Saturday, February 18, 1961 in The Pas, Manitoba to loving parents Donna (Fenner) and John Brightnose. He was the eldest of 9 brothers and sisters and the kind of brother who always encouraged his siblings to do the best they could in life. His early years were spent with his parents and brothers and sisters at the trap line, learning to live off the land and gaining a set of skills he would later have so much pride passing along to anyone who wanted to learn.

Ed grew up in Cormorant, Manitoba where everyone knew he was a force to be reckoned with, but also a kind and gentle giant who always gave his time to family, friends and the community when called upon. There he met the love of his life and best friend, Annette. He liked to tell the story of how they grew up as next door neighbours but it wasn't until crossing paths in Winnipeg when they started dating. As older days would have it, Edward had to beg his would-be father in law, John Nabess, for the blessing to have his daughter. That blessing would come in the form of trading a skidoo to John for the blessing of his daughter, and his favourite part of the story to tell was that John was there the very next morning to collect.

Ed and Ann started their family right away, with their first child Norman being born in 1979. In 1982 the two were married in Cormorant, Manitoba. Their second son Steven followed shortly after in 1985, then Jonathan in 1993 and Kenneth in 1995. Throughout his life, Ed worked many jobs including firefighting, logging, guiding, and the one he was most proud of was working as the manager for the Waste and Water Management for the community of Cormorant, where he was required to obtain certification through the University of Sacramento. Later, Ann would move to The Pas to begin working for the Northern Forest Diversification Centre, and Ed would follow the next year with the boys. Finally, he worked for Child and Family Services where in true Edward form, he opened up his home and his heart to many other children along the way.

Ed's first passion was his family, and next came the outdoors. He navigated the wilderness with an impeccable sense of direction and knowledge from generations past. Hunting and trapping were second nature to him, and he was proud to pass that along to his boys. One of his favourite places to be in his final years was at his son's trapline at Reed Lake (where he also guided for many years). He was a great provider and a natural leader. In the most recent years, if you looked for Ed you could find him pining over his grandchildren, whether in person or going through photographs and videos of them while sitting in his chair at home, waiting for their visits. Simon, Martin, Ellianna and Willow, Abby, Lenny, Jonni, Rhianna, Trinity, Shannon, Paul and Kaydog were the absolute joys of his existence.

Ed is survived and will be deeply missed by his wife Annette Brightnose (Nabess); his sons Norman (Fiona) Brightnose, Steven (Brittany) Brightnose, Jonathan (Shalene) Brightnose, Kenneth Brightnose; his beloved grandchildren Simon, Martin, Elianna, Willow, Abby, Lenny, Jonni, Shannon, Paul, Rhianna, Trinity and Kaydog; his brothers Dwayne (Brenda) Brightnose, Ron Brightnose, Thomas Brightnose, John (Angela) Brightnose and sisters Sharon Brightnose, Elaine (Linda) Brightnose, Wendy (Mike) Flett and Debbie (Percy) Brightnose; and numerous nieces, nephews, aunties, uncles, cousins and friends.

Edward is predeceased by his father, John Brightnose Sr., his mother Donna Brightnose (Fenner); granny Sadie and grandpa Thomas Fenner, and numerous other family members and friends.

