



## Cody "Baashkanang" Gary Bedell

October 16, 1995 - November 8, 2024

Baashkanang (Shooting Star), Cody Gary Bedell, age 29, of Brimley, Michigan, died on November 8, 2024. She was born on October 16, 1995, in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, to Duane Bedell and Sonia Haskan.

Cody grew up in Arizona and Bay Mills, Michigan. She graduated from Monument Valley High School in 2015 and then attended Bay Mills Community College after. She worked in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan as a caregiver before finding her true passion working with children.

Cody loved traveling all over, going to concerts or spending time with family. She loved gaming with friends playing Fortnite or Minecraft. Cody's true self truly got to shine while doing drag shows. She was a member of the Bay Mills Tribe, Michigan Soo Pride, and Two Spirit Counsel of Baawating.

Baashkanang is the definition of advocacy. She used her voice and insight to support and uplift Indigenous Two Spirit individuals. Her unwavering dedication to these causes left a legacy of acceptance and belonging that will continue to impact communities for years to come.

Cody is survived by her mom, Sonia Haskan; dad, Duane (Judy) Bedell; brothers, Robin (Teighlor) Bedell of Bay Mills, Dante Minaker of Pinon, Arizona, Knute Minaker of Chinle, Arizona, Xavier (Grace) Bedell of DeTour

Village, Michigan; sisters, Heather (Jason) Church of Bay Mills, Chelsea (Allen) Orr of Rapid City, South Dakota, Logan (Andrew) Woodwyk of Grand Haven, Michigan, Paris Bedell of Bay Mills; grandparents, Elsie Uentillie of Pinon, Arizona, Kelly Bedell of Bay Mills; nieces and nephews, Kalana, Emmalyn, Bentley, Caleb, Cartland, Abigail, Cassius, Jace, Aris, Kyson, Duane; and auntie and uncles, Jeanne (Dee Dee) & Ang LaVergne of Bay Mills, Sarah (Josh) Homminga of Bay Mills, Marvine (Matthew) Young of Bay Mills, Arthur Bedell of Bay Mills, Holly Bedell of Bay Mills, Ashley (Jeremy) Uentillie-Williams of Kayenta. Cody is also survived by many loving cousins all over the country.

Cody was preceded in death by her grandmother, Pam Morris; grandfather, Robin R. Bedell; and great grandparents, William and Shirley Cody.

Visitation will be on Tuesday, November 12, 2024, from 1:00 – 7:00 PM at the Armella Parker Elder Building with a Pipe Ceremony following at 7:00 PM. A final viewing will begin at 10:00 AM, November 13, 2024, with a burial to follow.

Cody's final resting place will be at Mission Hill Cemetery in Brimley.

Family Life Funeral Homes assisted the family with arrangements. Condolences may be left to the family at [www.familylifefh.com](http://www.familylifefh.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Mission Hill Cemetery

Bay Mills Township  
14740 W. Lakeshore Dr.  
Brimley, MI 49715

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 12. 1:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Armella Parker Senior Center  
12485 W Lakeshore Dr  
Brimley, MI 49715

## Final Viewing

NOV 13. 10:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

WE

“ Thank you to the family for this beautiful eulogy. I was one of Cody’s teachers at Monument Valley High. We lost touch after school, but Cody has often been in my thoughts in the years since. I’m so proud of the life she built in her short time on this earth. May the family, particularly Robin and Elsie, know that their sorry is shared by many – despite the years and the miles between us.

West Ellis - November 22, 2024 at 01:04 AM

KC

“ Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Cody "Baashkanang" Gary Bedell.



Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College - November 12, 2024 at 03:53 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Cody "Baashkanang" Gary Bedell.



November 12, 2024 at 10:47 AM

UC

“ United Tribes Technical College purchased the *Rose Remembrance* for the family of Cody "Baashkanang" Gary Bedell.



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**United Tribes Technical College** - November 12, 2024 at 09:44 AM

AI

“ AIHEC purchased the *Serene Reflections Bouquet* for the family of Cody "Baashkanang" Gary Bedell.



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**AIHEC** - November 12, 2024 at 08:33 AM

JF

“ *Jeremy W. and Family* purchased the *Beautiful in Blue* for the family of Cody "Baashkanang" Gary Bedell.



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**Jeremy W. and Family** - November 12, 2024 at 06:11 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Cody "Baashkanang" Gary Bedell.

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November 11, 2024 at 11:14 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Cody "Baashkanang" Gary Bedell.



November 11, 2024 at 10:57 PM



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“ Heather, Jason, Caleb, Abigail, & Jayce purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Cody "Baashkanang" Gary Bedell.



Heather, Jason, Caleb, Abigail, & Jayce - November 11, 2024 at 10:54 PM



“ Ishaya & Steve purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Cody "Baashkanang" Gary Bedell.



Ishaya & Steve - November 11, 2024 at 10:51 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Cody "Baashkanang" Gary Bedell.*



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November 11, 2024 at 08:35 PM



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November 11, 2024 at 05:09 PM