



Earl "Semo" Gurnoe

July 7, 1930 - January 9, 2011

Earl Simon "Semo" Gurnoe, age 80, of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, passed away early Sunday morning, January 9, 2011 at War Memorial Hospital. Semo was born on July 7, 1930 on Sugar Island, Michigan the son of the late Joseph and Bertha (Shannon) Gurnoe. On August 2, 1952, he married Juanita (Franklin) in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan. He was employed by the City of Sault Ste. Marie. Semo was a member of the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians. He enjoyed playing his guitar and listening to country music. He also enjoyed working on cars and was known as a fix-all handyman. Semo is survived by two sons: Mel (Brenda) Gurnoe and Carl (Lauretta) Gurnoe both of Sault Ste. Marie, MI; seven grandchildren: Sarina, Samantha, Miranda, Christopher, Eric, Jennifer, and Michaela; and one great grandson: Zander. He is also survived by a brother: Clayton (Jean) Gurnoe of Washington; and a half sister: Alice (Bob) Denstedt of Lansing, MI. He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife: Juanita Gurnoe; three sisters: Bertha Merchberger, Nina Rolston, and Emma Kay; and a brother: Stanley Gurnoe. Visitation will be held at the Sault Tribe Niigaanagiizhik Building (Cultural Center) from 2:00 PM on Tuesday, January 11, 2011 until the time of the funeral service at 11:00 AM on Thursday, January 13, 2011. Both Brother John Hascall and other traditional pipe carriers will officiate the services. Burial will be at Riverside Cemetery later this spring. Memorials may be left to the Sault Tribe Niigaanagiizhik Building (Cultural Center).

Tribute Wall

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“*Mr. Gurnoe was our neighbor for many years, I can still remember the sounds of his steel guitar echoing through the neighborhood. He was a good neighbor and was a honest man. When we were kids and had our own cars, we used to always ask him for advice on how to fix, our clunkers. He loved working on his old cars with my dad Frank. He was a good friend to my dad, and I will always remember as being there when you needed him. We will miss you Mr. Gurnoe and thank you for being a good friend and neighbor to my family.*

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