



Faith Anne (Turner) McGruther

June 17, 1937 - February 23, 2015

Faith Anne (Turner) McGruther passed away on Monday, February 23, 2015. She was 77 years old. She was born June 17, 1937 in Sault Sainte Marie, Michigan. She was a member of the Sault Sainte Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians. She began working for the tribe in the late 70's starting out as a secretary. In the early 80's she began working for the Chippewa Ottawa Treaty Fishery Management Authority as Secretary and eventually up to Executive Director in 1998 until her retirement in 2002. Through her work with COTFMA/CORA. She was involved with many other organizations: Ex-Officio member of the Aquatic Nuisance Species Taskforce of the Native American Fish and Wildlife Society. Regional Director of the Native American Fish and Wildlife Society Great Lakes Region, Ex-Officio member on the Thunder Bay Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council. She was very active in working alongside the tribes to negotiate the historic 1985 Consent Order and the 2000 Decree. She worked alongside the COTFMA and the CORA Tribes to negotiate with the United States Coast Guard for the Memorandum of Understanding. Faith was very proud of her involvement with the Great Lakes Region of the Native American Fish and Wildlife Society. She really enjoyed working alongside various Conservation Officers within the region and the shoot out competition, even participating one year. She was also proud to have gone to Washington D.C. to testify before Congress to fight for funding for COTFMA and CORA member Tribes. She made many friends in D.C. within the BIA and United States Fish and Wildlife Service. Faith also was one

of the original members of the Sault Tribe Child Welfare Committee, serving from the early 1980's until several years after her retirement. She also served on the pow-wow committee for many years ensuring that many dancers and drummers were fed each year. She is survived by daughter Cindy Deuman and sons Joseph Locke and Ken (Susan) McGruther Faith has 20 grandchildren, 22 grandchildren and 1 great-great grandchild. She loved her grandchildren with all her heart and spent every free moment with them. She is also survived by many beloved nieces and nephews. Faith was predeceased by her parents Bernard Turner and Alice Turner-Guy. Her brother Joseph Turner and sister Marion Smart. Son-in-law Steve Deuman and granddaughter Evelynne Deuman. Services will be held Thursday February 26, 2015 at the Niigaanagiizhik building from 1:00pm until 4:00pm with prayers and pipe ceremony at 4:00pm and luncheon to follow. Interment will be in Riverside Cemetery later this spring. Clark Bailey Newhouse Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences may be left at www.clarkbaileynewhouse.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Faith Anne (Turner) McGruther*

October 05, 2023 at 09:54 AM



“ *Faith Anne (Turner) McGruther*

October 02, 2023 at 10:14 PM



“ *Faith Anne (Turner) McGruther*

September 01, 2022 at 07:49 PM



“ *My in-laws lived next door to Faith on Osborn Blvd and my husband spent a Christmas Eve putting together toys for her children when they were small. We remember her very well and are sorry to learn of her passing. Our condolences to her family. Dennis and Trudy Salo*

Trudy Salo - February 27, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *SPATHIPHYLLUM was sent by Great Lakes Native American Fish and Wildlife Society. Faith, Many people walk in and out of our lives, but only true friends will leave footprints in your heart! Faith, you have left a lot of footprints....and will be sadly missed by all of your friends in the Great Lakes NAFWS! We wish you a safe journey into the spirit world!*

Donald Reiter - February 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ I wish to express my condolences to Faith family. she was a wonderful lady. I known her for many years through the Native American fish and wildlife Society. Because of the miles between us, we only got to see each other once a year at the conference. We could sit for hours and talk about many subjects that affect tribes, their treaty rights, but also personal issues too. It was a honor knowing Faith. The society lost a great family member.

Mike Swan - February 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Baamaapii Miss Faith ~ Jamie (McCoy) Harvey*

Jamie Harvey - February 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ *SHADES OF ELEGANCE was sent by The Turner Family (California Branch). Our thoughts, prayers and condolences are with you. A very special and beautiful lady, full of love, joy and laughter. Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord...
Signature: Mike, Barb and the Turner family*

Michael Turner - February 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM