



## George "Kinounini" Belleau

October 10, 1967 - June 17, 2023

George Lawrence Belleau, age 55, of Brimley, Michigan passed away on Saturday, June 17, 2023, comfortably at his home. He was born on October 10, 1967, in Toronto, Ontario to Albert Francis and Frances Marie (Roote) Belleau, and was a member of the Garden River First Nations of Ojibwe Indians. He was a graduate of the St. Mary All Boys Catholic School, class of 1985.

George loved playing bass. Taught by his dad at a young age, he spent most of his free time practicing or building custom bass guitars, and playing in bands; Most recently, "Hawk Junction," and "Highway 63." He was also a traditional drummer with the Eagle Lodge group, and any drum group he was invited to sit with. George was a spiritual man and spent many years crafting traditional drums, staffs, headdresses, and other additional beadwork/regalia. He was nothing short of a movie enthusiast and had collected well over 300 blue-ray disks of all and any genre, so long as his surround sound system was loud enough to shake the house and looked good on his 120in. projector screen. Widely known as Mr. George amongst the community, he served 23 years as a bus driver for the Bay Mills Head Start. He also spent many years as a night janitor for OCS (Ojibwe Charter School). He dearly loved his dog, Bailey.

George is survived by his mother: Frances Belleau; twin daughters: Carly and

Lexy Belleau, both of Brimley, Michigan; grandchildren: Elias Albert LeBlanc and Kenneth J. Ermatinger IV; siblings: Al Belleau, Justin Belleau, and Bertha Jane Belleau; two nieces: Conika Belleau (Al), Daanis Belleau (BJ); one nephew: Orrionn Belleau (Al), as well as many cousins.

George was preceded in death by his father Albert Belleau and daughter Ayanna Belleau.

Traditional Ceremonies will be held at 7pm Wednesday, June 21st, and 11am Thursday, June 22nd, at the Bay Mills Cultural Center (West Tower Road). Burial on Mission Hill, feast to follow.