



## Harlan L. Downwind

August 19, 1953 - February 4, 2017

Harlan Louis Downwind 'Neeogaboo' of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan passed away Saturday February 4, 2017 at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit, Michigan. He was born August 19, 1953 in Red Lake, Minnesota the son of Rupert and Alberta Downwind. Harlan loved music, playing the guitar, art, his culture and traditions, he served Anishinaabe nation throughout his entire lifetime. He is survived by his wife Laura Collins-Downwind whom he married July 17, 2014 in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan; daughters Jessica Monroe, Rene Downwind, Candy Lynn Downwind, Mycal Hadley, Skye Downwind, Eva Collins, Anna Collins, Juanita Pacheco, Jocelyn Payment and Mika Pacheco; sisters Beverly (Terry) Thomas and Jeanine (Chris) Jubera; brothers Bradley Downwind, Byron Downwind, David (Jessie) Downwind and Ross (Shelly) Downwind; grandchildren Samaria (Preston), Wendell, Isaiah, Arien, Elena, Rianna and Anissa; great grandchildren Jaden, Larayna, Preston Jr., Leila, Auriella and Yur'Donni; Harlan had no sons but many special boys that were like his sons including Dino, Randy, Mikey and Donovan who is deceased. Also surviving are his Aunt Phyllis Gurno, Aunt Marcia Gurno and all of his nephews and nieces his clan family and family built over the years. He is predeceased by his parents Rupert and Alberta Downwind; a daughter Dawn Monroe; sister Delora Downwind; brothers Rupert Downwind, Jr., Kevin (Julie) Downwind and Mitchell Downwind. Visitation will begin 6:00pm Tuesday February 7, 2017 at Niigaanaagiizhik Ceremonial Building. Traditional services will be led by Skip Churchill and

Amik Smallwood on Wednesday February 8, 2017 10:00am at Niigaanaagiizhik Ceremonial Building. Burial will be in Wilwalk Cemetery, Sugar Island, Michigan. Clark Bailey Newhouse Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences may be left at [www.clarkbaileynewhouse.com](http://www.clarkbaileynewhouse.com).

# Tribute Wall



“ *Harlan L. Downwind*

October 05, 2023 at 09:54 AM



“ *Harlan L. Downwind*

October 02, 2023 at 10:14 PM



“ *Harlan L. Downwind*

September 01, 2022 at 07:49 PM



“ *I just learned of Harlan's passing this morning, and was saddened to hear of his passing. I was blessed and honored to meet and work with Harlan during three Convenings on Tribal Wellness over the past year and half. He shared his wisdom, traditions and healing knowledge with medicine persons and elders from across the Nation, so he touched a larger circle of lives beyond the Anishinaabe Nation. Harlan was so proud of his family and full of love for his spouse, children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. My prayers go out to you all in this time of your loss. May the Great Spirit give you strength and comfort in the knowledge that Harlan lives on in Spirit and Love. Mitake Oyasin.*

David Dickinson - February 13, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *With special condolences for the special family of Harlen (Snaz). Your cousin from Red Lake, MN*

Shirleen Blue - February 09, 2017 at 12:00 AM

AG

“ Our Sincere Condolences for the loss of your husband, father, brother, uncle and spiritual guide.. May Harlan rest in peace and may you find comfort that he had helped a lot of people In his life time, he had named 3 of my grandchildren and attended his funeral here in Red Lake. Prayers and Hugs to you all.

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**Allura May, and grandchildren** - February 08, 2017 at 12:00 AM

SN

“ Serpent River First Nation Chief, Council, Community Members, and Staff offer condolences to the family of Harlan Downwind. Over the years, Harlan became part of our Circle of Families. In our healing journey, Harlan made a difference for many of us. We honour the gift of the many lifelong teachings he has given. Anishinabe Izhichigaywin was the foundation of Harlan’s invaluable work. His gift brought the spiritual ancestral teachings, ceremony, and medicine to our present and walked with us with guided teachings for tomorrow. We will miss Harlan, his gentle approach to healing. Our prayers are with you Harlan as you go on your beautiful spiritual journey.

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**Serpent River First Nation** - February 08, 2017 at 12:00 AM

SN

“ We extend our condolences to the many family members and friends on the passing of Harlan. He was always willing to help with a smile on his face. He will be missed by those who knew him. This is a great loss to our families and communities. May his journey to the next world be peaceful. Red Lake relatives, Dan & Susan Ninham Family

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**Susan Ninham** - February 08, 2017 at 12:00 AM

CD

“ My sincere condolences to Harlin's family . Am privileged to have known this remarkable man. He helped and healed me many times . I will never forget his kind and caring way. He was a gifted Healer and his loss will be felt for a long time to come, safe travels Home Dearest Harlin

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**Cecelia Dowd** - February 07, 2017 at 12:00 AM

MK

“ It's with a very sad heart that I say baamaapii. Condolences to the family.

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**Mnidoo Beneshi Kwe** - February 07, 2017 at 12:00 AM

BD

“ Harlan, we are all going to miss you dearly. We always felt like we had been family for a very long time. You saved my son's life and I have been forever grateful for this gift. You became my brother so many years ago. I depended on you so many times to help me through some tough times. We will love and take care of Laura, Eva, Anna and Skye. RIP, my brother. We love and miss you. Jeff, Betty and John.

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**Betty Davis** - February 07, 2017 at 12:00 AM

HH

“ Thank you Harlan for everything you have done for me and my family. You were a true walker of Spirit and I am thankful I met you. My prayers of love and healing to your family. Migwetch.

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**Hilary Hellums** - February 07, 2017 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ My condolences to the family, Harlan had many gifts to share with our aboriginal communities. Respected & loved among all. Prayers & tobacco offered for the family & Harlan's journey into the spirit world.

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**Sally Morningstar** - February 07, 2017 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ Dear Harlan, I never got to meet you in person but I heard about you from all the people who you helped and how greatly loved you were. I work as a traditional healer along the North Shore and am so saddened at the communities loss of you. I was hoping to finally meet you this summer. Prayers and blessings to your family. *baamaapii* good journey home to Creators arms.

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**Lorraine Hughes** - February 07, 2017 at 12:00 AM

CJ

“ Please accept condolences from Serpent River First Nation. We are appreciative of Harland's contributions to healing & Wellness to our people. We are honoured that he was able to provide traditional healing services for our community. He will be truly missed. Our prayers are being sent for Harlan and for family.

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**Chief Elaine Johnston** - February 07, 2017 at 12:00 AM

DA

“ My deepest Sympathy to all Harlan's family and friends. A big hug to his wife and to Dorothy Sam. I worked with Harlan at Four Winds. He was a great teacher and will be missed by all that knew him.

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**Deb Ash** - February 07, 2017 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ No words can express the sorrow we feel right now. Such a great loss, we are so thankful for knowing and being helped by such a great Medicine Man! His legacy will live on in the hearts of many! Our thoughts and prayers are with the family and friends. Safe travels Harlan! Healing hugs and love ❤️

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**Rachel,Gary&Dean Bourassa** - February 07, 2017 at 12:00 AM

RD

“ Safe Travels... You'll be sadly missed....Our Deepest Condolence to your Family at this time of need.....

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**Randal & Vicki Desmoulin** - February 07, 2017 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ I am so saddened by our Traditional Medicine' Keepers loss of Life. I will remember his knowledge of medicine for myself and sons'. He came to our Community and embraced us, to understand what we all believed and understood amongst our Anishnabek People. He will be forever missed. Our prayers and Sema will be sent to him, family and his Medicine Keepers. Miigwetch Harlan!

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**Carol Shawana** - February 06, 2017 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you Laura and family, and Harlan's family and relations. Harlan will be missed. My deepest sympathies at this very difficult time in your lives. My heart is filled with grieve of his passing. I am grateful for all the healing and spiritual guidance Harlan provided to me over the years. A truly one of a kind medicine man, and very kind and giving man. Harlan will be a loss to all the communities he provided his gift of healing too. You are in my prayers.

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**Judy Binda** - February 06, 2017 at 12:00 AM