



Jody Thomas Gaskin

December 29, 1963 - November 11, 2024

Jody Thomas Gaskin “Maang Ogimaw” Loon Chief, born on December 29, 1963, in Sault Ste Marie, Michigan, left this world on November 11, 2024, in Winnipeg, Manitoba, leaving behind a legacy of love, music, and cherished memories. Jody was met on the other side of the river by his mother Rosemary Gaskin, his sister Beulah Gaskin, and his twin brother John Gaskin. He leaves his sister Lauri Gaskin and brother David Gaskin behind as well as the love of his life Sylvia Wastasecoot and his children, Amber Belonga (Chris), Ashley Marra (Curtis), Jordan Gaskin (Trisha), Carrie Gaskin (Dave), Andre Neebnagezhick , Emmy Sky-Gaskin, Dakota Sky-Gaskin, Sebastian Gaskin, Dustin Meshigaud (Tessa) and Geezik Mccoy- Sayers. Jody was a proud grandfather to Jaylen, Wynter, Anthony, Brent, Gracie, Mason, Jett, Landon, Silas, Scarlett, Allie, Carson, Dextin and Xavier and an even prouder great grandfather to Lilly. He also leaves behind countless nieces, nephews and cousins.

Jody's life was a beautiful melody, filled with the joy of music and the rhythm of love. As a performer, he sang and danced his way into the hearts of many, leaving an indelible mark on the world with his talent and passion. Jody's love for music led him to produce his own music, and his dedication and artistry earned him nominations for several music awards. His music will continue to resonate in the hearts of those who were touched by his soulful melodies.

Beyond his musical accomplishments, Jody's greatest joy came from being a father and "Misho." He loved every one of his children. He was always traveling but always made sure to tell his children he loved them. His love extended to his grandchildren, whom he cherished and adored with every fiber of his being.

Beyond his artistic pursuits, Jody was a proud Anishinaabe who stood up for his people and took great pride in sharing his knowledge and traditions. He was a Sun Dancer, Pipe Carrier, and knowledge keeper for the Anishinaabe people, embodying the values and teachings of his culture with grace and dedication. His commitment to preserving and passing on the traditions of his people was unwavering, and his impact on the community was immeasurable.

Jody was also a champion pow wow dancer and hoop dancer, showcasing his talent and dedication to his cultural heritage. His presence at these events brought joy and inspiration to those around him, and his legacy as a cultural ambassador will endure for generations to come.

Jody's spirit and strength were a testament to his lineage, as he came from a long line of resilient and courageous individuals. He was a true warrior, a badass from a long line of badasses, and his legacy will continue to inspire and uplift those who follow in his footsteps.

In honoring Jody's life, a ceremony will be held at the Niigaanagiizhik Ceremonial Building, 11 Ice Circle, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783, on November 30, 2024 at 12:00 Noon, where family, friends, and loved ones will come together to celebrate his life, share memories, and find solace in each other's presence.

Jody's departure from this world has left a profound void, but his spirit will continue to shine brightly through the memories and love he shared with all

who knew him. His laughter, his music, and his unwavering love will forever echo in the hearts of those he touched.

May his soul find peace, and may his memory be a source of comfort and strength to all who mourn his passing. Jody Thomas Gaskin will be deeply missed and lovingly remembered by all who had the privilege of knowing him.

Obituary as submitted by the family.

Previous Events

Ceremony

NOV **30**. 12:00 PM (ET)

Niigaanaagiizhik Ceremonial Building
11 Ice Circle
Sault Ste Marie, MI 49783