



Justin W. Boness, “Nayta- na-moot” passed away unexpectedly on Thursday, February 13, 2014. He was born on November 11, 1947 at Nett Lake, where he grew up. Justin graduated from Orr High School in 1966. He served in the U.S. Marines in the Vietnam Conflict, where he was part of the search and rescue operations. After his honorable discharge, he returned to Nett Lake. He moved to Duluth with his companion, LuAnn Drift in 1975 and completed the Duluth Technical College course in carpentry. He worked for U.S. Steel for several years and moved back to Nett Lake in 1978. Justin was a member of the Bois Forte Band of Chippewa. He worked at the Nett Lake Sawmill and for the RTC (Reservation Tribal Committee). He served as Vice President on the Elder Committee. He and LuAnn Drift were a couple for 36 years, then formerly “tied the knot” and were married on June 4, 2010. Justin was a avid outdoorsman, and liked ricing, berry picking and hunting. His most treasured times were those spent with his family, especially his grandchildren. He is preceded in death by one son, Marlon Drift on Sept. 23, 2003; and 3 sisters: Freida Boshey, Stella Sanchez and Pricilla Strong. Justin in survived by his wife, LuAnn Drift of Nett Lake; 2 sons Bart Drift of Virginia and Waylon (Chrissy Johnson) ) Drift of Eveleth; 2 daughters, Justina (Adam Strong) Drift of Nett Lake and Ellen Whiteman; 1 sister, Marcella Drift of Virginia; 6 Grandchildren: Jaime, LaVonne, LeMar and Avery Drift, Aiden Deegan and Haley Isham; along with numerous nieces, nephews and friends. SERVICES: Traditional services will be at 10:00 AM Monday, (February 17th) at the Nett Lake Community Center, where visitation will begin after 4:00 pm Sunday. The spiritual advisor will be Billy Blackwell. The casket bearers will be Gordon Adams, Clarence Roy II., Neil Strong, Vern Boney, Francis Littlewolf and Frank Villebrun Jr. The honorary bearers will be Jerome Whiteman, Ken Boney, Harvey Thompson, Gary Strong, and Floyd Morrison. Military honors will be accorded by the honors guards of Bois Forte, Orr American Legion and the Cook Veterans of Foreign Wars. Interment will be in the Nett Lake Cemetery. Arrangements are with Mlaker Funeral Home, Cook