



John Boney, “Bah-Bah-Ki-

Ge-Shig”, 61, of Redwood Falls, MN, formerly of Nett Lake, passed away unexpectedly at the Cook Hospital on Monday, January 7, 2013. He was born on March 11, 1951 at Cloquet, MN, to James and Nancy (Woodenfrog) Boney. He grew up in Nett Lake, attending Nett Lake Elementary School and Orr High School. He moved to be with family in Oklahoma, where he attended Pawnee High School in Pawnee, OK, then to Okmulgee High School in Okmulgee, OK, where he graduated in 1969. He furthered his education and graduated from Chilocco Indian School in Chilocco, OK, Haskell Indian Jr. College in Lawrence, Kansas, Northeastern State University in Tahlequah, OK, where he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in business administration in 1972. He also attended the University of Oklahoma University in Norman, OK. John worked as an accountant for the Oklahoma Community Action Program in Oklahoma City and Oklahoma Native American Association at the Oklahoma University. A family member fondly recalls that “He was the first person from Nett Lake to make the Honor Roll in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade at the Orr High School”. John treasured spending time with family and friends. He had a passion for all sports and solving crossword puzzles. He enjoyed bingo, reading, playing cards, bowling and going to the Casino. In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by 2 brothers, Arnold Boney and Peter Boney Sr; and by Karen Johnson in September 2012, who was his companion of 18 years. He is survived by 2 brothers - Kenneth Boney of Nett Lake and James Boney Jr. of Eagan, MN; 3 sisters - Julia Wilde of Oklahoma City, OK, Irene Boney of Roseville, MN and Mary Ann Juliano of St. Paul, MN; along with numerous nieces, nephews and friends.

SERVICES: Traditional Services were at 10:00 AM Friday, (Jan. 11th) at the Nett Lake Community Center, where the visitation was after 4:00 PM Thursday. The Spiritual Leader was Bill Blackwell. The casket bearers were: James Wilde, Matthew Boney, Jeff Boney, Peter “Chief” Boney Jr., Anthony Juliano, Preston Juliano, Kyle Juliano, and John Juliano. The honorary bearers were: Bill King, Vernon Boney, Michael Kleinbrook, Jason Boney, Jim Morrison, Brad Johnson, Michael Boney and Carlos Hernandez. Funeral arrangements with Mlaker Funeral Home, Cook.