



Robert "Bob" Boshey, Me-mashkawe-gaabo, beloved husband of Phyllis, and father of Denise, Carrie, and Cheryl, passed away at St. Mary's Hospital in Duluth, on June 4, 2014. He was 77 years at the time of his death. He was born on February 1, 1937, at Indian Island, Burntside Lake, near Ely. Phyllis and Bob were married for 60 years. They first resided on an island in Burntside Lake, then moved to make their permanent residence on the Vermilion Reservation, near Tower. Bob served as the District Two Representative on the Bois Forte Tribal Council and was instrumental in the development of Fortune Bay Casino. He was a member of Labor Union Local 1091 in Duluth (prior to 1964) and Local 1097 in Virginia from 1964 to 1979. As a labor foreman, he helped to construct many area taconite plants, including Minntac and Forbes. He was a pioneer of his time, facing racial harassment that included death threats, to work off the reservation., but his gift to make friends easily won people over on every jobsite. He was also a member of the Teamsters Local 346 for thirty years from 1969 to 1999. As an employee of Ulland Brothers, he worked on almost every road in the Arrowhead country and many others throughout the state. Bob's phenomenal long range eyesight contributed to his ability as a hunter, for which he was well known. His ability to kill a deer or moose with one bullet earned him the nickname "One Shot" by the 1854 Game Wardens. He loved Lake Vermilion and easily navigated the entire lake on which he knew all the best fishing spots. He loved softball and organized a team to play leagues in the area. He was active in fundraising at a time when community involvement funded every social, educational, and sports activity on the reservation. In addition to harvesting wild rice every year he was able, he set up and maintained the machines on which the family depended to process rice. Bob is survived by his wife Phyllis Boshey; daughters Denise Pieratos, Carrie Strong, and Cheryl Milbridge; grandchildren Nigel and Eric Milbridge, Nicole and Danielle Pieratos, Corey and Meredith Two Crow, and Theresa Beaulieu; great-grandchildren Katarina Milbridge, and Kai and Nicholas Contreras-Pieratos, as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

SERVICES: Traditional Ojibwe rites will be held at 10:00 a.m. Sunday (June 8th) at the Vermilion Wellness Center, Vermilion Reservation, Tower, where the wake will be held after 4:00 p.m. Saturday. Steven Jackson will be the Spiritual Advisor. Interment will be in the Vermilion Cemetery of Tower. Arrangements are with Mlaker Funeral Home, Cook.