



Wendell J. Leecy "Misho-Giizhig-Inni, 60, of Onamia, formerly of Hibbing, passed away at home on January 31, 2014. He was born in Chisholm on July 31, 1953, grew up in Hibbing, and graduated from Hibbing High School. Wendell moved to Minneapolis, and graduated from Minneapolis Vocational and Technical College. He later settled in Onamia and worked in the DNR for the Mill Lacs Band of Ojibwa. Wendell was an active outdoorsman, liked Powwows and appreciated the native traditional ways. He was very artistic and was asked to make a traditional native drum, which is on display at the Hibbing Community College. He will be remembered by family and friends for his easy going nature, big smile, and the caring love he had for his family. He is preceded in death by his parents, Frederick and Bernice (Geshick) Leecy. Wendell is survived by his wife, Bridgett Mitchell; 3 sons: Cade Leecy of Hibbing and Erick and Justin Leecy of Onamia; 2 brothers, Kevin (Julie) Leecy of Tower and Jeff (Carla) Leecy of Cass Lake; 6 sisters, Cheryl (Paul) Slayton of Tower, Charlene (Jessie) Lewis of Tower, Gail Leecy of Minneapolis, Donna Hirth of Milwaukee, WI, Debbie Leecy of Virginia and Kimberly Leecy of Hayward, WI; along with numerous nieces and nephews. SERVICES: Traditional services will be at 10:00 a.m. Friday, (February 7th) at the Vermilion Reservation Center-Tower, where the Wake will begin after 5:00 p.m. Thursday. The Spiritual Advisor will be Lee Staples. The casket bearers will be: Jessie Lewis, Charles Grolla, Phil Grolla, Leland Leecy, Paul Slayton and Robert Jordain Jr. The honorary bearer will be Ronald Geshick. Interment will be in the Vermilion Cemetery. Arrangements are with Mlaker Funeral Home, Cook.