



*Henry "Hank" Mesabe*

Henry "Hank" E. Mesabe, 79, "Migizi" (his Indian name which means bald eagle), Nett Lake, formerly of Duluth, passed away on Saturday, August 6, 2015, at the Cook Care Center. He was born on April 7, 1937 in Nett Lake, and lived a simple life as a carpenter and wood carver. After retirement he still enjoyed both in his spare time. He also loved gardening, canoeing, fishing, and anything to do with the great outdoors. His favorite passion was riding his motorcycle. Hank was actively involved in his Native American Heritage, from organizing and directing the Nimiwin Pow Wows at Spirit Mountain to help organize plans for the Elder's Committee on the reservation. Hank honorably served his country in the U.S. Air Force. He lived life as he wanted and he cherished his family and friends. Hank was a member of the Bois Forte Band of Chippewa and proudly lived his last 6 years on the Bois Forte Reservation. He is truly loved by family and friends and will be surely missed by many. In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by a grandson, SGT. William H. Taylor, US Army; and 2 sisters, Sis and Sally. Hank is survived by 3 daughters, Lecia (Lari) Taylor of Esko, MN., Lissette (Brad) Nelson of Hermantown, MN and Laurie (Dennis) Vanderpoel of Orr; 1 son, Shawn Hanson of Seattle, WA; 3 brothers, Sonny, Skip and David; 2 sisters, Ada and Sophie; 6 Grandchildren, Dayba (Billy) Leonard, Stephanie Becker, Brittini Nelson, Bobbi Jo Taylor, Donna Jo Nelson and Gregory Vanderpoel; 7 Great Grandchildren, Kaitlyn Leonard, J.J. Leonard, Olivia Taylor, John, Charlie and Natalee Becker and Isabella Taylor; along with numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and many friends. There will be a celebration of life gathering from 11am to 3 pm Saturday, (August 13th) at the Nett Lake Government Services Center. Gene Goodsky will be the spiritual advisor. The Bois Forte Honor Guard will accord military honors and the Nett Lake Drum will play. Arrangements are with Mlaker Funeral Home in Cook.

