



Kris Strong, 41, Nett Lake,

passed away at home on Saturday, May 28, 2011. He was born on June 22, 1969, at Cook, MN to Wilbert Sr. and Patricia (Tibbetts) Strong. Kris grew up in Nett Lake, then lived in foster homes until returning to Nett Lake in 1984. He lived in Duluth, Nett Lake and Chisholm, and has permanently resided back at Nett Lake since 2001. While in Duluth, he was employed in solid waste management. Kris liked working on cars, football, and family fun by wrestling with his son and nephews. Kris is survived by his father, Wilbert Strong Sr. of Nett Lake; 1 son, Luke A. Strong of Chisholm; his partner, Jackie "Fido" Villebrun of Nett Lake; 1 brother, Wilbert Strong Jr.; 3 sisters, Connie Strong of Duluth, Kathy Strong of Nett Lake and Dawn Strong of Nett Lake; 2 foster brothers, John (Margaret) Kinnunen of Embarrass and Charles Kinnunen of Embarrass; nephews: Carl Carlson III., Jonathan Carlson, Gregory Strong, Joshua Strong, Jacob Heggen, Shane Lien and Wilbur Lien; nieces: Cheryl Carlson, Christen Heggen, Sophia Lien, Patricia Lien and Emma Lien.

SERVICES: Traditional services were held held at 10:00 AM Wednesday (June 1, 2011) at the Nett Lake Community Center, where visitation began after 4:00 PM Tuesday. The Spiritual Advisor was Steven Jackson. The casket bearers were: Raymond Thompson, James Boshey, Shane Drift, Damon Day, Elmer Boshey and David Glass. The honorary bearers were: Jamie Isham, Bobby Adams, Roger Skinaway, William "Tebin" Villebrun, Kenneth Lien Sr., Chuck Wagner, John Whiteman Sr., Brian Whiteman Sr., Jared Whiteman, and Sonny Glass. Interment was in the Nett Lake Cemetery. Funeral arrangements were with the Mlaker Funeral Home in Cook.