



## AJ Nickaboine

October 29, 1942 - May 23, 2016

Aurelius “AJ” Nickaboine was born at home on the Mille Lacs Reservation on October 29, 1942 to Lucy Mukwa and Johnson Nayquonabe. He was an outgoing child who was everyone’s “little darling” who always finished his homework at Vineland Elementary School. AJ graduated from Onamia High School in 1960 and attended Wausau Technical Institute with a drafting degree. In the 1980s he moved to Minneapolis where he worked for the Upper Midwest American Indian Center writing grant requests. AJ returned home to work for the Museum and later retired in 2012. He was very kind and generous to his many friends, family and those in need. AJ enjoyed traveling, storytelling, and being with family, especially granddaughter, Raining Nayquonabe. He liked to go golfing, gambling, and bowling. AJ will be greatly missed by all.

AJ is survived by his sisters, Bonita Nayquonabe, Beverly Nayquonabe, Thelma Nayquonabe, Caroline Nayquonabe, Doris Nayquonabe; nieces, Gloria Nickaboine, Priscilla Lowman, Lorraine Nickaboine, Georgia Nickaboine; and many aunts, uncles, relatives, and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; siblings, Helen, Helen, Mary, Mike, Alfred, Ole, Marion, and Victor.

# Cemetery Details

## Indian Point

Nay Ah Shing Dr  
Vineland, MN 56359

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY **26**. 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM (CT)

Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Community Center  
43500 Virgo Road  
Onamia, MN 56359

## Service

MAY **27**. 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *AJ Nickaboine*

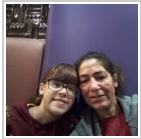
January 21, 2023 at 11:59 AM



“ *I will miss your calls when we reminisced . We learned some life lessons from each other. Some good times.*



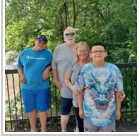
**melody** - May 28, 2016 at 08:38 PM



“ *our sweet and beloved ,and a strong man will be missed dearly.i will always miss his crazy way of saying HI,he's with his family who will great him on on his journey,love is everything .remember a great man . love always stacy skinaway*



**Stacy Skinaway** - May 26, 2016 at 06:12 PM



“ AJ, was one of the first people I met when I moved to Mille Lacs and started doing foster care. You encouraged me, gave me hope and guidance. You always told of things going on in the community, and you told me to be strong when faced with anger and hatred for raising Mille Lacs Band children. You were a kind and fun loving man who taught this white girl a lot about culture. Mille Lacs will be at a loss without you AJ. Thank you for helping me.

Toni Walsh

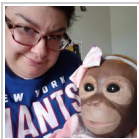
Toni Walsh - May 26, 2016 at 05:46 PM



“ A smile, that is what he gave to every person he saw, every time. I am gonna miss everything about you. RIP



Buggonaygizhiigikwe Day - May 26, 2016 at 05:17 PM



“ I'm going g to miss my uncle Aj can't describe the words im feeling right now 🥹

Anastasia Kjornes - May 26, 2016 at 04:25 PM



“ Always kept you on your toes, laughing, smiling, teased the heck out of me, see you soon...  
Do not fear Death. Death is always at our side. When we show fear, it jumps at us faster than light. But, if we do not show fear, it casts its eye upon us gently and then guides us into infinity

Nathan james nickaboine - May 26, 2016 at 04:24 PM

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“ *the biggest flirt ever..that is how I will remember him. so good  
natured and humourous*

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**Darlene Barbour** - May 26, 2016 at 02:19 PM