



Benjamin Charles Blake Jr.

December 2, 1983 - September 9, 2018

Giiwe-aanakwad, Benjamin Blake, Jr. 34-year-old resident of Onamia, MN passed away on Sunday, September 9, 2018 in Onamia, MN. Services will be held at the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Community Center on the Mille Lacs Reservation with Lee Staples officiating. Visitation will begin at 6 p.m. on Thursday, September 13, 2018 with opening Funeral Feast and Ceremony at 7:00 p.m. Funeral Ceremony will resume at 10 a.m. on Friday, September 14, 2018. Arrangements are with the Shelley Funeral Chapel of Onamia.

Giiwe-aanakwad, Benjamin Blake, Jr. was born on December 2, 1983 in Onamia, Minnesota to Benjamin Blake Sr. and Sandra (Weyaus) Blake. He attended Flandreau Indian School and in 2002, Benji graduated from Nay Ah Shing High School. While in school he met the love of his life Justine Shingobe and they had seven beautiful children together. It was very important for Benji to learn and pass along traditional Anishinabe culture by hunting, fishing, ricing, and helping with his parents sugar bush. Playing Native American flutes, attending sweat lodges, along with working on his own moccasin game set was how He liked to spend his time. Benji also liked to listen to music and sing round dance songs. Benji was always walking around the Casino and Res and enjoyed laughing, teasing, and visiting with his friends and family. He will forever be remembered as being a loving father, kind-hearted, outgoing and always respectful of others. Benji is loved and will be greatly missed by all.

Giiwe-aanakwad is survived by his parents, Benjamin Blake Sr. and Sandra

(Weyaus) Blake; brother, Max; and sisters, Rochelle and Cheryl; daughters, Trinity, Bianca, Nadia, Breezy, and Hevin; sons, Cailen, Maurice, Benjamin III, and Elijah; special grand aunt & uncles, Shirley Boyd, Richard Weyaus, and William Lonebear; Weh'eh's, Billy Joe Boyd, Brad Kalk, and Pat Weyaus; and many, many loving aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Giiwe-aanakwad was preceded in death by his grandparents, Rosalie and Herman Kegg, Anna Prudenciado, and Karmen Blake Sr.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **13.** 6:00 PM - 11:00 PM (CT)

Baadwewidang Community Center
45300 Virgo Rd
Onamia, MN 56359

Funeral Service

SEP **14.** 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Baadwewidang Community Center
45300 Virgo Rd
Onamia, MN 56359

Tribute Wall



“ *Benjamin Charles Blake Jr.*

January 21, 2023 at 11:59 AM

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he was my favorite dad

Benjamin Blake 3rd - April 10 at 01:57 PM