



Dorothy Elizabeth Sam

October 31, 1939 - May 26, 2021

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Wewenibiikwe, Dorothy Sam, 81-year-old resident of Onamia, MN passed away on May 26, 2021. Visitation will begin at 7 PM on Saturday, May 29, 2021, at the District 1 Community Center on the Mille Lacs Reservation. A Funeral Ceremony will begin at 10 AM on Sunday, May 30, 2021, at the District 1 Community Center with Skip Churchill officiating. Burial will be in the Woodland Burial Grounds. Arrangements are with the Shelley Funeral Chapel of Onamia.

Dorothy dedicated her life to helping people in the chemical dependency field and served as Chief Justice for the Mille Lacs Band. Dorothy enjoyed sewing blankets, going to ceremonial dances, spending time with friends, family, and grandchildren. She liked playing bingo at the casino and solitaire on her phone. Dorothy loved watching old western TV shows, and was well known by Anishinabe people across the country and in Canada, for her spiritual teachings.

Dorothy was preceded in death by her mother and father, John “Ne-gon-i-gii-shik” and Lucy “O Madwe” Clark; brothers, James Clark Charlie Roach, Steven Clark, Norman Clark, Harlan Downwind; sisters, Grace Boyd, Rose Premo, Nancy Hansen, Genevieve Dorr, Kanchel Clark, Mildred Benjamin; daughters, Linda Sam and Isabelle Sam.

She is survived by her husband, Fred Sam; sons, Jay Kanassatega, Darrell

Sam, and Paul Sam; daughters, Ida Downwind, Elaine Sam, Denise Sargent, and Erin Rafael; and many grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Cemetery Details

Woodland Burial Grounds

43408 Oodena Dr
Onamia, MN 56359

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 29. 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM (CT)

Baadwewidang Community Center
45300 Virgo Rd
Onamia, MN 56359

Funeral Ceremony

MAY 30. 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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45300 Virgo Rd
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Tribute Wall



“ *Dorothy Elizabeth Sam*

January 21, 2023 at 11:59 AM