



Esther Marie Paschke

March 29, 1936 - September 7, 2023

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Esther Marie Paschke, Ojibikwe (Lady of the Head Waters), 87-year-old resident of Onamia, MN, passed away on Thursday, September 7, 2023, at Mille Lacs Health System in Onamia. Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 2 PM on Thursday, September 14, 2023, at St. Therese Little Flower Mission Church in Vineland, MN, with Father Jerry Schik officiating. Burial will take place in the St. Therese Parish Cemetery immediately following mass. A visitation will be held from 1-2 p.m. at the church. Funeral arrangements are with Shelley Funeral Chapel of Onamia.

Esther was born on March 29, 1936, at Onigum Bay in Walker, MN, to the late Paul Graves and Rose (Shingobe) Barstow. Esther grew up with her six siblings and attended boarding school as a young girl. Esther had to grow up quickly and be a mother figure to her younger siblings. Esther was united in marriage to the love of her life, Arvid James Paschke Sr, on Sept 14th, 1968, in East Grand Forks, MN, where they raised a family of 10 children together. They later moved to the Mille Lacs Reservation in Onamia, where Esther continued to enjoy being a homemaker. Esther enjoyed gardening and canning with her husband Arvid, playing bingo with her mom, family bonfires, watching Elvis movies, cooking for her friends and family, the love and entertainment provided by her pet cats, and Of Course.....gambling at the casino. Esther was known for always having sweet treats on hand to share with unexpected company. Esther had a Great and Special love for her

grandchildren. She will be remembered for her contagious smile and laughter, her generous heart and her strength, her great sense of humor, and her love for her family.

Esther is survived by her sons, Greg Pawlitchek, Duane Pawlitchek, Kevin (Pa) Pawlitchek, Herbert (Gina) Pawlitchek, LeRoy Pawlitchek, Phillip Pawlitchek, and Arvid (Tracy) Paschke Jr.; daughter, Cynthia (Eric) Davis; brother Michael Wade; sister, Irene (Wade) Benjamin; and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren she held close to her heart.

Esther was preceded in death by her loving husband of 48 years, Arvid James Paschke Sr.; both of her parents; her brothers, Dennis, Kenny, and Lawrence; her sister, Linda; and her sons, Elvis and Wallace Storbakken.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **14.** 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

St. Therese Little Flower Church
43600 Highway 169
Onamia, MN 56359

Mass of Christian Burial

SEP **14.** 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Mysterious Mother
Of Many Visions
May Peace be Yours Always!*

*Your Ever Loving,
Cynthia & Family
(Eric, Hunter, Autumn)*

Cynthia Davis - September 14, 2023 at 09:56 AM

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My dear auntie, may you be at peace and have joy, as you reunite with those that left before you. Fly high with the angels as you transition into the eternal life of love. Blessings from your niece, Gloria Ann, and family. 🙏🙏

Gloria Baker - September 14, 2023 at 10:25 AM