



Merlin Anderson

May 11, 1931 - April 30, 2017

Ogimaabines/Chiiwaanakwad, Merlin Anderson, 85-Year-old resident of Onamia, MN passed away on April 30, 2017 at his residence. A Funeral Ceremony will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 4, 2017 at the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Community Center on the Mille Lacs Reservation with Lee Staples officiating. Interment will be in the Vineland Burial Grounds. Visitation will begin at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 3, 2017 at the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Community Center on the Mille Lacs Reservation.

Arrangements are with the Shelley Funeral Chapel of Onamia.

Ogimaabines/Chiiwaanakwad, Merlin James Anderson was born May 11, 1931 in Onigum, Minnesota to Joe and Susan (Hill) Anderson. Merlin was united in marriage to Marge Davis on March 13, 1954. He was fluent in the Ojibwe language, a Ceremonial Drum Keeper, and was Midewin. Merlin worked in various capacities for the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe. He also worked for Old Dutch Foods for many years. Merlin enjoyed playing bingo, working in his yard with his riding mower, and was known as “Mr. Fix it” to his great-grandchildren. Merlin looked forward to the annual summer vacation with family. He will be greatly missed by all.

Survived by his daughter, Gina Anderson of Onamia, MN; brother, Joe (Winnie) Anderson, Jr.; grandchildren, Tina Anderson, Dallas Anderson, Sr., Damon Anderson, Denise Anderson, Danielle Anderson, Nicole Anderson, Loren Anderson, Jr., Brandon Mitchell, Shane Boyd, Amber Day, and Lauren Day; great-grandchildren, Dallas Anderson, Jr., Jordan Anderson, Shyla

Lussier, Destanie Anderson; great-great grandchildren, Carter Anderson, Caden Shingobe, Mayleena Anderson; and many loving nieces, nephews, and friends.

Merlin was preceded in death by his loving wife, Marge; parents, Joe and Susan Anderson; sons, Keith Anderson and Loren "Butch" Anderson, Sr.; brothers, Marvin Anderson, Fred Anderson; sisters, Georgianna Day, Gloria Anderson, Viola Anderson, Delores Anderson; granddaughter, Deanna Anderson; great-grandson, Robert Sam.

Cemetery Details

Vineland Cemetery

Utopia Road
Onamia, MN 56359

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 3. 5:00 PM - 10:00 PM (CT)

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

Service

MAY 4. 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Merlin Anderson*

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