



## Montgomery Jay Staples

October 15, 1950 - January 27, 2024

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Oni koo ga bou, Montgomery Jay Staples, age 73, of Hinckley, MN, passed away on January 27, 2024. A Funeral Ceremony will be held at 10 AM on Tuesday, January 30, 2024, at the Aazhoomog Community Center. Interment will be in the Stevens Lake Cemetery. Arrangements are with the Shelley Funeral Chapel of Onamia.

Monte was born October 15, 1950, to George and Frances (Reynolds) Staples, the second of thirteen siblings, Temperance McLain, Denise (Mark) Chamblin, Melanie Benjamin, Marvin Staples, Dean Staples, Bernadine Roberts, Arlene (Chris) Victor and Brandon Benjamin.

Monte was preceded in death by the following siblings: Mervin Staples, George Staples, Arnold "Sonny" Victor, and Francine Staples. Monte was a father to four children: Cheyenne, Billie, Spring, and Kiowa (twins).

Monte was born in Shell Lake, Wisconsin, and because of the U.S. policy of relocation, his dad, mother, siblings, and other relatives moved to St. Louis, MO. Monte had many friends from living in St. Louis, Missouri. As a very young man, Monte traveled all over the USA and even went to Seattle, WA, to work on the shrimp boats. Monte was a talented artist in the mediums of beadwork, painting, wood burning, and wood carving. His most recent art projects were carving canes utilizing natural materials to create art, such as miniature fireplaces and incense holders. Monte was an exceptional administrative assistant who was very meticulous and excelled at organization

and file management within any office environment. He was recognized not only by his supervisors but also by his co-workers for his skills. Monte could be found at the bingo hall many times a week. We will miss his intriguing life stories, which he would always tell from a humorous point of view. He had a one-of-a-kind style and personality with a very distinctive strut.