



## Ramona Applegate

March 3, 1943 - September 12, 2023

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Binesiikwe, Ramona Applegate, age 80, passed away on September 12, 2023. A visitation will begin at 8 PM on Friday, September 15, 2023, at the District 1 Community Center on the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Reservation. A Funeral Ceremony will be held at 10 AM on Saturday, September 16, 2023, at the District 1 Community Center on the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Reservation, with Baabiitaw officiating. Interment will be in the Shingobe Burial Grounds. Arrangements are with the Shelley Funeral Chapel of Onamia. Binesiikwe, Ramona was born on March 3, 1943, in Minneapolis, Minnesota, to Josephine (Shingobe) and Alvin Hawes. As a child, she was very close with her grandmother, Mary Davis, who taught and showed her cultural customs. She enjoyed talking about her childhood growing up in the Onamia area. Ramona met her lifelong partner, Allen Applegate, at Onamia Days, and the couple moved to Princeton, MN, where they raised a family of five children. Ramona worked for Control Data for eighteen years, where she assembled complex circuitry under microscopes and received the highest award for technical improvements to their products. When Grand Casino Mille Lacs opened, she worked there as a video technician. In her later career, she served as an admin to the general manager of Grand Casino Hinckley. After retirement, she served as Chief Justice for the Mille Lacs Band. Ramona loved art, especially painting, coloring, and drawing. Throughout her life, she explored all types of art mediums, such as stained glass, quilting, beading,

and other native crafts. Ramona had a green thumb and liked tending to her vegetable and flower gardens. She loved animals, especially dogs, and she also had a cockatoo, several fish, and a couple of cats. She was a good friend to many people and treated them like family. Her character is one that is very honest, direct, accountable, and planned out. She always enjoyed recalling and reminiscing over the funny things that happened throughout her life. She loved hunting and fishing and taught her kids the same passion.

Ramona is survived by her children, Jacqueline, Jerry, Linda, and Kelly; grandchildren, Mellisa, Kris, Sara Mae, Alicia, Angela, Kerry, Dillon, Randy, Jeff, and Allen.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Josephine (Shingobe) and Alvin Hawes; husband, Allen; son, Timothy.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **15.** 8:00 PM (CT)

Baadwewidang Community Center  
45300 Virgo Rd  
Onamia, MN 56359

## Funeral Ceremony

SEP **16.** 10:00 AM (CT)

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45300 Virgo Rd  
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# Tribute Wall

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“ *Ramona was a wonderful woman and mother in law, grandmother and she will be greatly missed!! GBNF...We love you Forever Ramona...until we meet again, give everyone our love*  
*Allen - Grandson*  
*Michelle Applegate*

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**Michelle Applegate** - September 15, 2023 at 04:21 PM