



Robert A. Aitkin

March 1, 2009

Beloved Husband, Father, Grandfather, Brother & Friend 62, of Shoreview, passed away after a long battle with cancer. Preceded in death by Lewis and Constance Downing and Bernice Aitkin Barstow. He leaves behind his wife, LeeAnn, sons, Michael (Leah), William and Daniel (Samantha), grandchildren, Hannah and Andrew, sisters, Mary Theresa Downing (Stephen Exley) and Sally Downing (Michael Brothers), brother, Arlan Wakefield, and nephews, Benjamin (Emily Topinka) and Andrew Exley. Bob was a Marine veteran of Viet Nam and an active member of the army reserve. After retiring from the US Post Office, he returned to the University Of Minnesota to study Ojibway language and culture. An enrolled member of the Leech Lake Tribe and a Mide, Bob volunteered with children at Anishinabe Academy. He will be missed by his many friends. Mass Of Christian Burial Thursday 10:00 AM at ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH; 835 - 2nd Ave. NW, New Brighton. Interment Ft. Snelling National Cemetery. Visitation Wednesday 4-8 PM with prayer vigil 6:30 PM at HOLCOMB-HENRY-BOOM FUNERAL HOME; 515 West Hwy 96, Shoreview, and also Thursday from 9:30 AM at church. Memorials preferred to American Cancer Society or American Indian Center, Minneapolis.

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“ *I'm not sure if this will reach Robert's family, but I wanted to write anyway. I was Bob's advisor at the U of Minnesota and just heard of his passing. My thoughts are with his family and friends. Bob was amazing to work with and I will miss his great spirit and humor.*

Ellen Sunshine - April 06, 2010 at 12:00 AM