



Vera Lizette Martin

November 9, 1933 - November 27, 2014

Vera Martin, (Geesisukwe- Otter Clan) nee Jones
November 9, 1933 - November 27, 2014.

It is with much sadness that we announce the passing of our mother, grandmother, great grandmother, at the age of 81 years. She passed away peacefully at Capital Care Lynnwood, Edmonton, with her children at her side. She is survived by many children, grandchildren, great grandchildren and many extended family members.

A celebration honouring Vera's spirit to be held at Sacred Heart of the First Peoples Parish
10821 96 St NW, Edmonton, AB T5H 2J8
(780) 422-3052,
Wednesday December 3, 2014 at 5:00 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Vera's memory may be made directly to the Native Seniors Centre, 10107-134 Ave, Edmonton, AB T5E1J2.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

DEC 3. 5:00 PM (MT)

Sacred Heart Church of the First Peoples Parish
10821-96 Street
Edmonton, AB T5H 2J8

Tribute Wall

CK

“ Vera Martin was my first traditional teacher. She was wise, loving, kind and accepting. She helped a lost soul find her way I love her dearly and will miss her very much.
Creator waits for you and the ancestors welcome you.
Phil and Charmaine Kewageshig

Charmaine Kewageshig - December 05, 2014 at 10:39 PM

JW

“ I feel privileged to have met and spent time with such an amazingly strong, spiritual woman. She will be missed by many of us at the EASC. My lasting memory is of her is how pleased she was to be at the jam honouring Edna Sinclair, Rocky's mom this fall. She loved the music and said she even knew the words to one of the songs! She was so tickled at that. Prayers and good memories to the extended family.

Jane Woodward - December 03, 2014 at 10:17 PM



“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Vera Lizette Martin.



December 03, 2014 at 10:34 AM

RO

“ To my cousins the Martin Family, I hope you know we are with you in spirit today. We will miss our Auntie Vera so much, and the energy and laughter she brought into a room. Find strength in all the beautiful memories she has left us with. Love and hugs to all of you today.

Roxy

Roxy - December 03, 2014 at 09:36 AM

KO

“ My beautiful Auntie Vera...she came into my life when I needed a strong Anishnabe woman to talk with , to learn from & to walk with. My sisters. & I once stayed with her at a farmhouse she had rented near Roseau River. We had a sweatlodge ceremony, good food, scrabble & a good sleep covered in handmade quilts. Journey well my sweet Auntie.

karen olson - December 03, 2014 at 03:12 AM

KJ

“ It is with much sadness that I offer my most heart felt condolences to my cousins at the loss of your mother! She was a great lady and it was an honor to call her AUNTY! It breaks my heart a little bit more to know that we cannot be there with you during this time, to grieve, to celebrate, to share and to love! Know that we with you in spirit and we will be here in the summer to welcome her home!!
Love you guys lots, xo

Kathy Ann Lizette Jones

kathy jones - December 02, 2014 at 10:29 PM

WN

I still miss our talks Mum, and not a day goes by without my remembering some of your teachings... but I know you're right that you can see me way better from Spirit world. Love you forever.

Willi Nolan - October 31, 2015 at 05:00 PM

SC

“ *To Vera's family... I wish you peace, knowing, she told me of the time she visited the 'other side' ...and she was not afraid to go back! She is one of my favorite people, and my heart is sad, knowing I cannot pick up the phone and call her.... I do however, know we can still connect ...see you in the Astral Vera.. Love you and will be forever grateful for your kindness , teachings & the most amazing sense of humor. Love Sherry*

Sherry Crawford - December 02, 2014 at 05:57 PM

KM

“ *Vera is missed in Hiawatha First Nation, I had many opportunities to sit with her before she moved. She gave me a Wazhushk (muskratt) hip bone and told me the story of how the kids played games with it, and she gave me this basket, she said she kept her socks in it..I asked her if they were dirty or clean...she smacked me and laughed. I use to cut her grass every Tuesday and she called me her Gardener...when she moved it was a pretty sad day, but we got to see her from time to time. We lost an amazing Kwe and Creator has gained one. I will listen for her laughter in Wayndahnimuk...Baamaapii*

Kim Muskratt - December 02, 2014 at 07:41 AM

FH

*“ vera I miss you already. So sad to hear of your passing. I have very fond memories of you. The fun when we had that part on Blackstone series. Or every Wednesday at the native seniors centre for soup and Bannock. We sure laughed a lot; All good memories, So till we meet again dear Vera,keep on smiling
Your friend Flo Hoffman*



Flo Hoffman - December 01, 2014 at 10:28 PM

LL

“ A fine woman has gone to rest and to help us from the other side. She will not be forgotten, and memories will always bring smiles and wisdom. To the family, mourn and celebrate her life together. In love and kindness, Lois Loyer

Lois Loyer - December 01, 2014 at 07:54 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Vera Lizette Martin.



December 01, 2014 at 07:24 PM

JC

“ Awwww sweet lady took really good care of me when I attempted to go into my first sweatlodge ceremony at Morley Alberta. As I tried to crawl into sweat it was like there was an invisible doorway and I was knocked out cold and I awoke to Vera wiping my forehead with a wet cloth. I asked what happened and her reply to me was that "I wasn't ready yet". Awwww rest in peace sweet Vera. Megwetch

Joanne Clowes - December 01, 2014 at 06:50 PM

TA

“ Treaty 8 First Nations of Alberta purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Vera Lizette Martin.



Treaty 8 First Nations of Alberta - December 01, 2014 at 03:06 PM

LE

“ A time of sorrow for her passing and special time to honour and celebrate your Mom. She was a proud Anishnawbe woman who truly "walked in beauty" in living and sharing the grandfather teachings. I look forward to you sharing her stories with us. I am most humbled and grateful to have been gifted by her healing more than 20 years past. She guided my reawakening into being so that I live today and can make little contributions here and there in a good way. She welcomed us into her lodge, guided us through ceremonies and gifted us with Anishnawbe names. Most special is her sharing a teaching with me to respect oneself as a woman. I am humbled and most grateful for her 'teaching' me how to offer tobacco to the Earth and pray in a good way. How wondrous - such acts of love and compassion on her part. I trust she is blessed to join the Creator in the light and know she is always with you and all of us. Lois

Lois Edge - December 01, 2014 at 01:57 PM

WL

“ Heartfelt condolences to all of the Martin and Jones family grieving Vera's passing. Thinking of all of you during this difficult time, and hoping that the memories that she has left with you will help you in coping with your loss, as well as the love. prayers and care of friends. I know that she will continue to watch over and guide you all until you meet again. Rest in Peace Vera, and may the Creator welcome you into his open arms as you begin your ultimate journey home.

Love and prayers - Wendy, Jerry, Joseph and Danielle Lanouette

Wendy Lanouette - December 01, 2014 at 01:48 PM

JJ

“ *Joyce Jones lit a candle in memory of Vera Lizette Martin*



Joyce Jones - December 01, 2014 at 01:39 PM

JJ

Vera had a fantastic logic about life, I'm sure this is a family trait as my Dad also had this same trait, Vera told me one time "never be afraid to give and you will always get", this stuck with me my entire life, loved her till the end, rest in peace Vera

Joyce Jones - December 01, 2014 at 01:44 PM

JM

As a Drive for Greyhound Canada, I had the Honour of talking to Vera, several time, at the Ottawa Central Bus Station. It is always nice to meet and talk to someone form your Reservation. Sorry for the Family loss, but now The Spirit World will welcome her, and her previous family to the Spirit World.

John McLeod - December 01, 2014 at 02:56 PM



“ *Always remembered Vera. Always loved. Thank you for seeing me and loving me still. I'm grateful my team of angels has you to call upon now. All my love.*
S.

Sheldon Hughes - December 01, 2014 at 01:07 PM

LO

“ *Lorna lit a candle in memory of Vera Lizette Martin*



Lorna - December 01, 2014 at 12:48 PM

LO

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Lorna - December 01, 2014 at 12:37 PM

TS

“ *I am sending my deepest condolences. Vera taught me so much and the one thing that I always remember was how many times she said that God lives inside each and every one of us. Sending prayers and light.*

*Terry Swan
Toronto*

Terry Swan - November 30, 2014 at 08:00 PM

N8

“ *Mom used to tell me that she loved me all the time and I would respond with the conventional "I love you to" but once I said "I know". She said that was the best feeling she ever had after that answer. I always knew.*

How

Number 8 - November 30, 2014 at 05:46 PM

MK

“ Vera, my Elder, my Teacher, my Mother and my Friend.
You taught me everything you had and did it well.
I honor your teachings by sharing them with our brothers and sisters
and give all that I have too. I tell them about your last visit to the
Spirit world and how it was, that you needed to come back here for
a little longer. You have earned a place in that "honoring lodge" of
that I have no doubt my Vera.
I sat at your knee and learned as a child what it meant to be an
Indian woman. Even when I put my colonized perceptions onto you
you guided me still.
You took me fasting in the mountains, gave my first drum, taught me
how to run a sweat and when I had earned it, you presented me
with my Sacred Chanupa. But, before you did this you taught me
the meanings and made sure I could walk.
You swaddled me and helped heal my brokenness.
So many things I learned and implemented into my life Vera and I
will so miss being able to call with questions about protocol and
ceremony. You gave me and my daughter our real names.
You made a path as you shared about the other side and I walk
unsteadily but I see it Vera, I do see it Vera.
How fortunate I have been to have had you for a few moons. May
you have pride in seeing your pitiful student and may we meet again
and may I love you always.
And the "greatest is Love" and the " last Sacred Teaching is Love"
Maureen Kennedy my english name and pesim awopysqu {Rainbow
Woman}

Maureen Kennedy - November 30, 2014 at 03:42 PM

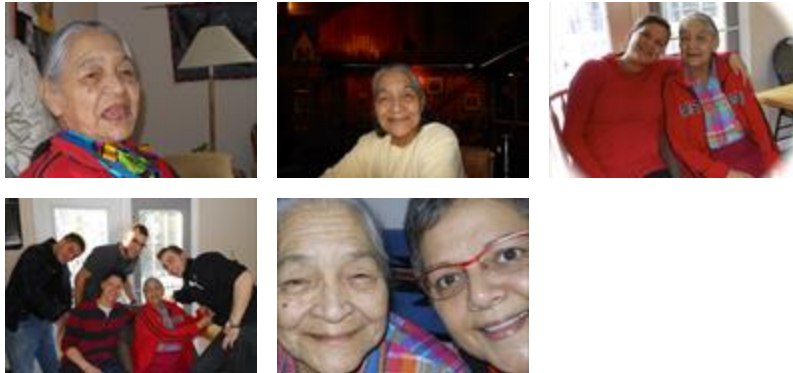
KE

“ Heartfelt condolences to all the family, sorry to hear of the loss, may
the great spirit provide you with comfort as she journeys to meet
others....who have passed on. From Larry and Kelly Whiteduck,
Gatineau Quebec

Kelly - November 30, 2014 at 07:46 AM

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“ 5 files added to the album New Album Name



Sandra Moore (Sam) - November 30, 2014 at 05:01 AM

JR

Saturday, June 06, 2015

I am heartbroken to learn of Vera's last walk.

We were as close as sisters for over 50 years.

The last time I was with Vera, I had slept over at Hiawatha reserve and drove her to Mississauga in a blinding snowstorm so that she could help out a friend in need.

Jane, I hope you find the right time to write a book on her life.

I have been seriously ill for several years now, and want to tell you that your mother & I worked very hard to establish Andeyhan..I had given her a framed invitation from there when

I was with her at Hiawatha. It was an hysterically funny first meeting with "The Women's Temperance Union".. little did they know the kind of people we were working with..then there

Was the time we had to help Verna Johnson get a Buffalo for Andeyhan's entry into bigtime entertainment of the public..

Vera found a "buffalo farm" out of town that would give us one Free..only he said we had to come & shoot it ourselves..that did not stop your mother, we piled into vans and the deed was done..that buffalo took up the whole van !

Jane, I could go on forever..she loved her time in Hawaii..was that with April ? My memory is hampered by short term memory loss.

How I loved my dear Vera.

Her family is fortunate to have such wonderful memories of her.

Jacqueline Steinberg Rosen

jacqueline.rosen@me.com

Jacqueline Rosen - June 06, 2015 at 09:23 AM