



Vera Wakemup Hoagland Belt

Vera Belt, 74, Bemidji, formerly of Nett Lake, passed away on Monday, March 17, 2008, at her residence in Bemidji.

SERVICES: Traditional Tribal Rites were held at 10:00 AM Thursday (March 20th) at the Nett Lake School. Lee Staples was the Spiritual Advisor. The casket bearers were: Jeremy Hoagland, Wendell Hoagland, David May, Rory

Erler, Robert May Jr. and William Day. All the other grandsons acted as honorary casket bearers. Interment was in the new Nett Lake Cemetery.

Vera was born on July 25, 1933 at Nett Lake to John and Mabel (Soreyes) Wakemup. Vera grew up and lived most of her life in Nett Lake, where she worked at various jobs.

She was a member of the Bois Forte of Chippewa. Vera liked beading, sewing, puzzle books, going to casinos, Powwows, and family get-togethers. She had been residing at Bemidji the past 3 years.

She is survived by 2 sons, Donald Hoagland of Nett Lake and Leland Hoagland of Rush City; 5 daughters, Cheryl Jensen of Nett Lake, Frances May of Bemidji, Betsy May of Nett Lake, Wendy Hoagland of New Hope, MN., and Rhonda Hoagland of Nett Lake; 1 brother, Roger Wakemup of Duluth; 2 sisters, Marge Holmes of Nett Lake and Alice Wakemup of Duluth, 27 Grandchildren, 53 Great Grandchildren, 1 Great Great Grandson, along with numerous nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her first husband, Leland Hoagland, second husband, Jerry Belt; 2 children: Joyce Day and Richard Wakemup; a grandson, Donald Hoagland Jr.; 3 brothers, Ralph, John Jr. and Frank Wakemup; and a sister, Susan Sullivan

Funeral arrangements with the Mlaker Funeral Home in Cook.