



Eric Robert Jacobsen, 55, a teacher of East Stroudsburg Area School District for 13 years in Pennsylvania passed away suddenly on Thursday January 15, 2015. He was the loving husband of Linda Jacobsen. He was an enthusiastic member of the Paupack Sailing Club in Hawley Pennsylvania. Eric loved to ride motorcycles, garden, home renovation, and his cat Sylvester. He had a passion for teaching everyone about everything and touched the lives of hundreds of schoolchildren over the years. He proudly served the United States Army Veteran as a medic in his youth. Like his uncle, Carl Gawboy, he had a passion for art in all forms. A painting gifted to his mother by Carl was one of his prized possessions. Like his uncle, James Gawboy, retired game warden and parent to many he taught his child and stepchildren a love of nature and each other. Eric was a proud tribal member of the Bois Forte Band and enjoyed confirming the oral traditions of the Ojibwe told by his late mother, Eleanor Gawboy Jacobsen, R.N. with the genealogical research of his wife. His late Grandfather, Robert Gawboy (b. 1904) was noted to be of the Caribou clan and married Helmi Jarvinen, a Finnish schoolteacher of the Tower School. In addition the their children, Carl and James, they had daughters, Patricia, Helmi, Beatrice and his mother, Eleanor Roosevelt. His Great Grandfather James Gawboy (also known as Tay ni wa nise or Bi ni wa nise) married Bessie Whiteman. His Great Great Grandfather Ne Gah Ne Gaw Bowh (He who stands ahead) signed several treaties as a headsman in the tribe. He is survived by his wife, Linda; daughter, Kelsey Jacobsen; and stepchildren Joseph, David, Michelle and Eric. Many friends include those in his sailing club and Alcohol Anonymous Group. A memorial service was held on Sunday January 18, 2015 at 2:30 PM at the First Baptist Church, 160 North Courtland St. East Stroudsburg. Arrangements were made by Lanterman and Allen Funeral Home. The family is seeking guidance from the Elders and any relatives on the Midewin tradition of his ancestors of building a spirit house for fin