



Ernestine "Tina" L. Barto Stanley ("Awan-igik") 62, Tower, passed away on Monday, November 30, 2015, at Essentia Health-Virginia. She was born on August 23, 1953 in Cloquet, Minnesota; to Ernest L. Barto, Sr. and Florence Whiteman Barto. As a youth she grew up in Nett Lake, lived in the Twin Cities, and went to the boarding school in Flandreau, South Dakota. In 2008 she graduated from MN School of Business with an A.A.S degree in Managerial Accounting. She later moved back to Minneapolis, where she married Donald E. Stanley on December 31, 1983. In 1997 they moved to Texas, returned to the cities in 2000, and in 2008 moved to Tower. Tina was employed as an accountant for the Fortune Bay Development Corporation, a job she truly enjoyed. She was a member of the Bois Forte Band of Chippewa. She loved watching the Minnesota Twins, enjoyed beading and liked going to pow-wows. She loved being a grandma. Her family fondly recalls her kindness to animals. She was strong willed and determined, and will greatly be missed by the many who knew her. In addition to her parents, she is preceded in death by a sister, Marie Barto at infancy. Tina is survived by her husband, Donald; 1 daughter, Vanessa (Andrew) Little of Rockville, MD; 1 step-son, Donald (Christina) Stanley Jr of Mesa, AZ; 6 brothers: "Beanie" (Penny) Barto of Linden Grove, Roger "Sid" (Joni) Whiteman of Orr, Rodney Barto of Cook, Ernest (Rene) Barto Jr. of Orr, Frank (Linda) Barto of Gheen and John (Karen) Barto of Orr; 5 sisters, Annette Howe, Donna (Bill) Hoffer, Angela (Scott) Wright, Cecile (Jerry) Schauer and Violet (Lars) Gabrielson, all of Orr; 2 Grandchildren, Austin Wind and Makenzie Little; along with numerous other special relatives and friends.

SERVICES: Traditional Services will be held at 10:00 AM Saturday (Dec. 5th) at the Bois Forte Government & Services Center in Nett Lake. The Wake will begin after 5:00 PM Friday at the center. Ken Boney will be the spiritual leader and Gene Goodsky the spiritual advisor. The pallbearers will be Tony Brande, Roger Whiteman Jr., Johnathan & Jeffery Barto, Franklin Barto Jr., Nathaniel Tibbetts, David & Sonny Glass, Timothy & David Wardas Jr., Patrick Hoffer, Jimmy Barto, Jeremy Wright, Curtis and Lee Warren and Bruce McCarthy. The honorary casket bearers will be Beanie Barto, Sid Whiteman, Rodney Barto, Ernest Barto Jr., Frank Sr. and John Barto, Austin Wind, and Andrew Little. Interment will be in the Nett Lake Village Cemetery. Arrangements are with Mlaker Funeral Home in Cook. To sign the online guest book, or to send a condolence to the family, go to: www.mlakerfuneralhome.com.