



Nelson Shognosh

August 17, 2017

Nelson “Sugar Bear” (Gimaa Giizhgad) Shognosh Jr, a resident of Walpole Island First Nation, died peacefully with his family by his side at Blue Water Health on Thursday, August 17, 2017 at the age of 71. Nelson was the son of the late Nelson & Eleanor (Shipman) Shognosh. Loving father of Christian (Shelley), Rochelle (Dan), Nebeesh (Reymundo), Muhnoomin, Peshanquet, Zhahwun, Neejig (Celeste) and Dan (Trudy). Dear grandfather of Ryan, Jason, Rebecca, Darah, Wahbzii, Neetahwis, Emiigwed, Shkuhnodin, Wahsahenna, Waukiigan, Odentaawgi, Mshkobiiyaag, Wchapihk, Mbiisus, Awehleew and great grandchildren. Brother of Leonard (Elaine) Shognosh and the late Harvey Shognosh & Charlie Shognosh. He will be missed by his many nieces and nephews. Sugar Bear or ‘Shoggy’ had worked at Eaton-Yale and Oxford Automotive in Wallaceburg. In hockey, he played Net Minder for Walpole Island, Toledo in the ECHL and was known as the Brick Wall for the Eaton-Yale hockey team. Bear’s true passions were guiding duck hunting and using his traditional knowledge and gifts to help people from many communities. The family will receive relatives and friends at his home, 321 Channel Ecarte road on Saturday and Sunday. The traditional funeral will begin from the family home at 9 AM on Monday, August 21 with burial in Highbanks Cemetery before noon. Funeral arrangements entrusted to the HAYCOCK-CAVANAGH FUNERAL HOME, 409 Nelson Street in Wallaceburg. 519.627.3231. Online tributes may be left at www.CavanaghFuneralHome.ca

Tribute Wall



“ Haycock-Cavanagh Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Nelson Shognosh



Haycock-Cavanagh Funeral Home - August 22, 2017 at 12:31 PM

MD

I so love this.

Marilyn Debassige - September 05, 2017 at 03:33 PM

IL

Ishnish(thank you) for sharing. I met Sugarbear through Wanda Whitebird at Anishnawbe Health, it was there that I received my Spirit Name. I met him again when I was on the Anishnawbek Committee at the NCCT...he was a wonderful man and I will always be thankful 🙏❤️

Ivy Letendre - September 17, 2021 at 12:25 PM



“ Nelson Shognosh

January 29, 2023 at 11:37 PM

DM

“ Sugar Bear was the first traditional practitioner in I ever worked with as a nurse. He gave me my name Wolf Spirit Woman. Such a lovely man. My condolences to his family and friends.

Doris Mitchell - June 07, 2022 at 05:43 AM

WO

“ I still keep the handwritten instructions you gave me so long ago. To you I give thanks for your help then and again now from the spirit world.

Wendy Sigle Otwell - August 01, 2021 at 04:13 PM

RR

“ Sugarbear was one of my first teachers at Anishnawbe Health Toronto..attended his wonderful Bear Feasts...but will be forever grateful for his Medicine that saved my daughter's life. She had a mental health breakdown at 19 and hadn't eaten for 2 weeks. This wonderful healer removed the "blockage" and she started eating again. She is now 41 years of age. Chi-miigwetch/Nya:Nya:weh. Will see you on the other side brother!

Ràveñ Redbird - January 05, 2019 at 03:22 PM

MD

“ Sugar Baer bah came over to dinner and he wanted to walk around our yard here in M'Chigeeng and he saw one of my plants and he said "Wow that is one big one plant you have. I did not have the heart to tell him I used Miracle Grow. Since that day I have not yet used any of that stuff. Oh my! He was our beloved mentor, helper, doctor and dearest friend. We will miss him dearly and when I pray asema will be placed down, and when I dance I will dance with him in my thoughts. I love you all and you had the best Dad ever. Marilyn Debassige, Clarence and Niibin Kweh Pangowish. Hugs to you....

Marilyn Debassige - September 05, 2017 at 03:32 PM

CC

“ *Colette Clarke lit a candle in memory of Nelson Shognosh*



Colette Clarke - August 31, 2017 at 10:03 PM

TB

“ *Tracy Barclay & family*



Tracy Barclay - August 24, 2017 at 09:12 AM

PK

“ *Paula Kerr lit a candle in memory of Nelson Shognosh*



Paula Kerr - August 23, 2017 at 07:52 PM

SC

“ *Sherry And Dave Crowe lit a candle in memory of Nelson Shognosh*



Sherry and Dave Crowe - August 23, 2017 at 12:29 PM

SS

“ Susan Stanley lit a candle in memory of Nelson Shognosh



Susan Stanley - August 23, 2017 at 10:59 AM

EF

“ Sending our deepest heartfelt condolences to Sugarbear's family. You all are in our thoughts and prayers.



Emil, Lori-Colwell Nahdee and Family - August 22, 2017 at 06:50 PM

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“ 97 files added to the album Life Tributes



Haycock-Cavanagh Funeral Home - August 22, 2017 at 11:37 AM



“ 9 files added to the album Life Tributes



Haycock-Cavanagh Funeral Home - August 22, 2017 at 09:18 AM



“ Joan Barnes lit a candle in memory of Nelson Shognosh



Joan Barnes - August 21, 2017 at 06:21 PM



SADDENED TO HEAR OF YOUR PASSING TODAY SUGAR BEAR.....CONDOLENCES to family,friends ,community for the loss of a great medicine MAKWA.....you will be missed.....

Joan Barnes - August 21, 2017 at 06:41 PM



“ Sugar Bear was an amazing person. I touched many lives with his love and wisdom.



Betsy Colwell - August 21, 2017 at 01:39 AM

AA

“ *Sending prayers to the family.*

Amy Austin - August 21, 2017 at 12:43 AM

EW

“ *Elaina Wightman lit a candle in memory of Nelson Shognosh*



Elaina Wightman - August 20, 2017 at 11:50 PM

TA

“ *Tom And Petrina Altiman sent a virtual gift in memory of Nelson Shognosh*



Tom and Petrina Altiman - August 20, 2017 at 10:12 PM

JF

“ *Always happy to watch his children and grandchildren play lacrosse. He will be missed at the arena!*



Jason Fox - August 20, 2017 at 10:10 PM

DJ

“ *Debbie Jewell & Carter Jewell lit a candle in memory of Nelson Shognosh*



Debbie Jewell & Carter Jewell - August 20, 2017 at 09:50 PM

DF

“ *Duncan & Melina Blackbird & Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Nelson Shognosh*



Duncan & Melina Blackbird & Family - August 20, 2017 at 09:22 PM



“ *Aayii Maakwens Shipman sent a virtual gift in memory of Nelson Shognosh*



Aayii Maakwens Shipman - August 20, 2017 at 08:50 PM



“ *Aayii Maakwens Shipman lit a candle in memory of Nelson Shognosh*



Aayii Maakwens Shipman - August 20, 2017 at 08:50 PM

JW

“ *Our condolences to Chelle, Christian and all family in the loss of your Dad.*
Jeff & Angela Williams and family



Jeff and Angela Williams - August 20, 2017 at 08:23 PM

SF

“ *Susan Soney And Family lit a candle in memory of Nelson Shognosh*



Susan Soney and family - August 20, 2017 at 07:42 PM

TS

“ *Tasha Sands lit a candle in memory of Nelson Shognosh*



Tasha Sands - August 20, 2017 at 06:36 PM

BC

“ *I remember him carrying me around the pow wow grounds while he was dancing when I was little. Art and Roseline Fisher (Nana) used to visit them long time ago.*



Betsy Colwell - August 20, 2017 at 05:10 PM

LR

“ *Lynn Rosales lit a candle in memory of Nelson Shognosh*



Lynn Rosales - August 20, 2017 at 05:00 PM



“ *Krissy Shawnoo lit a candle in memory of Nelson Shognosh*



Krissy Shawnoo - August 20, 2017 at 01:56 PM

ML

“ *Mary Loonskin lit a candle in memory of Nelson Shognosh*



Mary Loonskin - August 20, 2017 at 01:27 PM

BS

“ *Our condolences to Sugar Bears family. Our thoughts and prayers are with each and every one of you at this sad and difficult time. Hugs*
❤️



Bruce and Sandra Sands - August 20, 2017 at 10:58 AM

BK

“ *Beulah Kechego lit a candle in memory of Nelson Shognosh*



Beulah Kechego - August 20, 2017 at 10:37 AM

KK

“ *You will be missed but the many fine memories of time spent on the island with the family will never be forgotten.*



Karen Kay-Peters - August 20, 2017 at 10:23 AM

CK

“ *Sorry to hear the passing of Sugar Bear. My condolences go out to the family, Neebeesh, Zhaawun , Neej and the rest of the family.*



Cotnee Kaboni - August 20, 2017 at 10:18 AM

AA

“ *Amy Austin lit a candle in memory of Nelson Shognosh*



Amy Austin - August 20, 2017 at 10:10 AM

AA

“ I send my condolences and prayers to his children and loved ones. I am so happy my Dad, John Bush, was able to visit Bear one last time as my own Dad passed away the 15th. Love to the family. Amy Bush-Austin

Amy Austin - August 20, 2017 at 10:06 AM

BF

“ Bill And Michele Soney And Family lit a candle in memory of Nelson Shognosh



Bill and Michele Soney and family - August 20, 2017 at 09:40 AM

FF

“ Floin Family lit a candle in memory of Nelson Shognosh



Floin Family - August 20, 2017 at 09:39 AM

RP

“ Chi meegwetch for all your help and healing for our family, ..we will miss you immensely. Love Ron , June and Seneca .

ronald peltier - August 20, 2017 at 09:16 AM

KH

“ Kennon And Heather lit a candle in memory of Nelson Shognosh



Kennon and Heather - August 20, 2017 at 09:03 AM

AT

My condolences to the Shognosh family long time friend Angie thunderhawk aka (black Angie)

Angie thunderhawk - August 20, 2017 at 09:38 AM

BC

“ Bill & Doris Colwell lit a candle in memory of Nelson Shognosh



Bill & Doris Colwell - August 20, 2017 at 06:15 AM

MS

“ Michel Sands lit a candle in memory of Nelson Shognosh



Michel Sands - August 20, 2017 at 01:05 AM

CL

“ *Cherrie & Kim Lalonde lit a candle in memory of Nelson Shognosh*



Cherrie & Kim Lalonde - August 19, 2017 at 11:29 PM

CH

We are so sorry for your loss, thinking of all of you!!

Cherrie - August 19, 2017 at 11:31 PM



Rest in Peace. Baa Maa Pii

Janice Rogers - August 20, 2017 at 12:33 PM

AS

sorry to hear of ur loss at god be with u all

alice sands - August 21, 2017 at 12:34 PM



“ *My greatest memory of Sugar Bear happened many moons ago when he performed at powwows in both Canada and the United States. I had the pleasure of watching and competing in fancy dance competitions with him. He was an excellent sportsman in that exciting event as well as in hockey. Thanks for the memories Sugar Bear !*



Charles Altman - August 19, 2017 at 08:16 PM

RJ

“ *Rose John lit a candle in memory of Nelson Shognosh*



Rose John - August 19, 2017 at 06:57 PM

RB

“ *Roger And Judith Braet lit a candle in memory of Nelson Shognosh*



Roger and Judith Braet - August 19, 2017 at 03:37 PM

MK

“ *Marie King lit a candle in memory of Nelson Shognosh*



Marie King - August 19, 2017 at 03:37 PM

DI

“ *Deb Isaac lit a candle in memory of Nelson Shognosh*



Deb Isaac - August 19, 2017 at 12:28 PM

HJ

“ Just spoke with Nelson last Sat at the lacrosse game. I told him to put the gear on so I could take some shoots at him. What a great goalie, lots of memories..Glad I had the opportunity to play hockey with and against him. He was a kind and gentle man.



Henry Jaruga - August 19, 2017 at 12:16 PM

GL

“ George Lung lit a candle in memory of Nelson Shognosh



George Lung - August 19, 2017 at 09:53 AM

GL

Remembered as a great fun guy and goalie and lives on as a happy spirit!

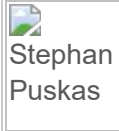
George Lung - August 19, 2017 at 10:01 AM

DL

“ Don And Kris Lee lit a candle in memory of Nelson Shognosh



Don and Kris Lee - August 19, 2017 at 09:52 AM



“ Stephan Puskas lit a candle in memory of Nelson Shognosh



Stephan Puskas - August 19, 2017 at 08:27 AM



“ Mark lit a candle in memory of Nelson Shognosh



Mark - August 19, 2017 at 08:12 AM



“ Darlene Gordon sent a virtual gift in memory of Nelson Shognosh



Darlene Gordon - August 19, 2017 at 07:34 AM



“ Sharon Smith sent a virtual gift in memory of Nelson Shognosh



Sharon Smith - August 19, 2017 at 06:30 AM



Gary and I have many fond memories of Nelson from Hockey with Eatons our sons and grandsons playing hockey, Your were a great guy fun spirit and good athlete.

Sharon Smith - August 19, 2017 at 06:32 AM

TA

“ *Thomas Altiman lit a candle in memory of Nelson Shognosh*



Thomas Altiman - August 19, 2017 at 05:49 AM

SW

“ *Spear White lit a candle in memory of Nelson Shognosh*



Spear White - August 19, 2017 at 03:19 AM

KH

“ *What a great supporter of his family. Rest in Peace. Thinking of you Nebeesh, Muhnoomin, Wahbzii, Shkuhnoden and Senna at this time. May his memories comfort you in sadness.
Dean and Kim and families.*



Kim Houle - August 19, 2017 at 03:11 AM

EJ

“ *Eric & Sandra Johnston lit a candle in memory of Nelson Shognosh*



Eric & Sandra Johnston - August 18, 2017 at 10:36 PM

RY

“ *Ric & Joanne Young lit a candle in memory of Nelson Shognosh*



Ric & Joanne Young - August 18, 2017 at 07:37 PM

IS

“ *A wonderful man and family, my heartfelt condolence.*



Isabella Smith - August 18, 2017 at 04:57 PM

KM

“ *Kayla Murphy lit a candle in memory of Nelson Shognosh*



Kayla Murphy - August 18, 2017 at 04:49 PM

CC

“ *Crash & Verna Christian lit a candle in memory of Nelson Shognosh*



Crash & Verna Christian - August 18, 2017 at 04:29 PM

KM

“ *Karen Morrow lit a candle in memory of Nelson Shognosh*



Karen Morrow - August 18, 2017 at 03:24 PM

JM

“ *Jane McGill lit a candle in memory of Nelson Shognosh*



Jane McGill - August 18, 2017 at 02:12 PM