



John Bonga

October 11, 1965 - February 21, 2009

John Bonga, age 43, of Mahnomen, MN, died Saturday, February 21, 2009 at the Mahnomen Health Center Hospital.

John G Bonga was born October 11, 1965 in Park Rapids, MN, the son of Verna Bonga and Eugene Stone. As an infant, John, moved to the Minneapolis, MN, area and attended the Red School House in St. Paul, MN. He later continued his studies at Minneapolis Technical School where he perfected his welding skills. John was united in marriage to Toni Monroe. Through this union they were blessed with six children, in addition to his first born, John Jr. The family continued to live in the Minneapolis area and John worked various welding jobs. John later relocated to Pine Point, MN, before making a home in Detroit Lakes, MN. While there, he continued his welding occupation. Recently, John moved to Mahnomen where he has continued to make his home.

John loved spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren. In his younger years, he was a talented boxer and has always maintained a passion for the sport. John also liked going to the casino and singing Karaoke. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

John is survived by his mother, Verna Basswood of Mahnomen; his father, Eugene Stone of Minneapolis; three sons: John Bonga Jr. of Minneapolis, Lee Bonga of Mahnomen, and Shiloh Bonga of Minneapolis; three daughters: Feather Bonga of Mahnomen, Cheyanne Bonga of Mahnomen, and Shania Monroe of Minneapolis; two grandchildren, Ryan and Nevaeh; five brothers:

Rolland Basswood of Fargo, ND, Rex Basswood of Mahnomen, Redfeather Sturdevant of Mahnomen, Eugene Stone Jr. of Fargo, and Richard Stone of Minneapolis; and four sisters: Suzanne Basswood of Mahnomen, Sheila Stone of Minneapolis, Denise Stone of Minneapolis, and Sonya Stone of Minneapolis; as well as many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his daughter, Toni Bonga. Services were held on Monday, February 23, 2009 from 12 Noon until 3:00 pm at the Karen Jackson Residence in White Earth, MN. Inurnment will be held at St. Theodore's Cemetery in Ponsford, MN.