

# WORKING TOGETHER

This pamphlet was made so that you would know how the Cree Health Board, the Cree Nation of Chisasibi and the Church help our community members in their time of sorrow. It also tells you what the family of the deceased needs to do for their part in laying their loved one to rest.

## CREE HEALTH BOARD (CHB)

- takes care of the expenses of bringing home the remains if the passing happens outside of the community (for JBNQA beneficiaries on the active list)
- may wash and dress the body if that is the wish of the family
- at the time of death, provides a room for viewing by the immediate family for a maximum of four hours
- keeps the body in the hospital morgue until it is transferred to the casket

## CREE NATION OF CHISASIBI (CNC)

- transports the body from the airport if the passing happened outside of the community
- picks up the casket ordered from a funeral home when it arrives at the airport and takes it to the hospital
- makes a wooden cross
- picks up the body in the casket from the hospital and takes it to the church
- may take casket to the cemetery after the funeral service if that is the wish of the family

## THE CHURCH

- may inform next of kin about the passing if requested by the family
- makes announcement on the radio
- provides viewing time at the church before the funeral service
- chooses plot in the cemetery with the family
- performs funeral service
- performs memorial services

## THE FAMILY

- may order casket from funeral home or may ask a local contractor to make a casket
- obtains flowers and wreaths for the funeral
- arranges and pays for travel of family members who are coming from outside of the community
- plans the funeral service in collaboration with the church
- may take casket to the cemetery after the funeral service
- purchases headstone if desired
- upkeeps cemetery plot

Working together, the Cree Nation of Chisasibi, the Church and the Family prepare the plot in the cemetery.

### EXCERPT FROM "THE PROPHET"

*Brief were my days among you, and briefer still the words I have spoken.*

*But should my voice fade in your ears, and my love vanish in your memory, then I will come again.*

*And with a richer heart and lips more yielding to the spirit will I speak.*

*Yea, I shall return with the tide.*

*And though death may hide me, and the greater silence enfold me, yet again will I seek your understanding.*

*And not in vain will I seek.*

- Kahlil Gibran





#### WHAT COSTS MONEY

#### WHO PAYS?

Bringing home the remains

Cree Health Board NIHB  
(for IBNQA beneficiaries  
on active list)

Road transport of remains  
and casket

Family

Wooden cross

Family

Preparation of burial plot

Family

Casket ordered from  
funeral home

Family

Casket made by local  
contractor

Family

Air transport of casket

Family

Air transport of flowers

Air Creebec

Funeral service

Church

#### FUNERAL HOMES:

Blais Funeral Home, Val d'Or  
Contact: Christian Blais  
1 (800) 380-3321  
(819) 825-1015

Wray Walton Wray, Montreal  
Contact: Jean-Louis Lefebvre  
(514) 483-2320

#### FLORISTS:

Fleuriste Serlivard, Val d'Or  
(819) 824-4546

Fleuriste Napoleon, Val d'Or  
Contact: Bernard Lefebvre  
(819) 824-1358



CREE NATION OF CHISASIBI  
1 RIVERSIDE DRIVE  
(819) 855-2878

ST. PHILIP'S ANGLICAN CHURCH  
2 MAMU ROAD  
(819) 855-3430

CREE HEALTH BOARD  
12 MAMU ROAD  
(819) 855-2844

# CARING

## FOR THE LATE DEPARTED



## DECEASE

When our loved ones have reached the end of their time here on earth, it is our duty to take care that their remains are respectfully laid to rest. In our grief and sorrow, we may sometimes feel overwhelmed.

It helps to think ahead so that when the time comes, we can go into the sacred place of mourning and remembrance knowing that we have taken care of our dearly departed.