

Celebration of life
Stanley Brett



Born 1\7\1958

Passed away 15\8\2015



Beloved Son Of: Fred Brett and Topsy.

Beloved Nephew Of: Dodger (dec), Lucky (dec), Bandy (dec), Mary (dec), Tommy, Jacky, Slipper (dec), Sandy (dec), Albert (dec), Lily (dec), Ruby (dec), Leena (dec), Rosie (dec).

Brother and Sisters: Hilda Brett, Kathleen Brett Williams, Beatrice Baird, Lesley Baird.

Beloved Cousin/Brothers and Sister Of: Valena, May, Patricia, Sonny, Noreen, Queenie, Doris, Barry, Brian, Gladys, Harry (dec), Maxie (dec), Daphne (dec), Marilyn, Melissa (dec), Godfrey, Carol, Lesley, Kevin, Selma, Nancy, Jason, Bonita, Shirley, Beryl, Joanie (dec), Jennifer (dec), Ray, Lennie (dec).

Beloved Husband of: Susan Fowler (deceased) and Elizabeth Newcastle.

Beloved Step Father Of: Elizabeth, Christine, Don, Harold, Gloria, Sharon, Valerie, Rasma, Clayton.

Beloved Uncle Of: Pamela, Francis, Jamie, William, Jennifer, Bradley, Sinro, Liam, Elton, Bronwyn, Marcus, Dion, Vivienne, Vanessa, Jordan, Alex Warren, Nebraska, Thea, Annetten, Roslyn, Christine, Phillip, Andrew, Allison, Michael, Noel and Max.

Beloved Grandfather Of: Anora, Jayzie, Jayzhia, Aarlio, Allira, Aurelia, Layla, Philicia, Donovan, Leniece, Kurt, Anthony, Trisha, Justine, Raphael (dec), Danielle, Shantaisha, Warrick, Eric, Johnny, Shaun, Rosella, Rowan, Mason, Delvyn, Shaunrana, Dion, Rickane, Rickisha, Rickarlia, Rickarl, Venita, Shemar-Ray, Shyanne and Anthony.

Beloved Great Grandfather Of: Sebastian, Darius, Bethania, Buddy, Aaronella, Aalliyah, Dwight, Hezekiah, Arianna, Nadal, Roman, Raphianne and Roderick.



Life Story

Kumanji Brett was born on the 1 July 1958 at Murray Downs Station. Kumanji lived at Murray Downs Station with his Father, Mother and two sisters Hilda and Kathleen for some time. Then later moved to Neutral Junction, where his father was offered a job/work there in 1970. Kumanji spent most of his childhood at Neutral Junction, where he went to Primary School and grew up along his cousin Lesley Thompson. During that time Kumanji and Lesley loved going hunting for bush tucker. Kumanji loved playing the guitar. Kumanji and Lesley would often humbug the teacher to borrow his guitar. In 1974, when Kumanji was 14 years old, he was sent by his parents, to attend Boarding School at Yirara College in Alice Springs.

Shortly after leaving boarding school in Alice Springs, Kumanji went traveling in order to find a job. His first stop was in Ali Curung where he joined The Gus Williams (dec) Band, where he played along with Phillip Peterson and Lesley Thompson. They would travel to places like, Katherine, Wave Hill and Ngukkur. Kumanji loved being a part of the band, where he would sometimes take the stage and sing songs. He enjoyed this mostly because; he got to meet different people.

In the late 1980's Kumanji moved to Tennant Creek, where he met his first wife Susan Fowler. They lived in Tennant Creek with his sister Kathy, her husband and their son Jamie for a number of years. He took care of Susan and helped raise her youngest daughters Gloria and Sharon. He also became father to all of Susan's children including Christine, Elizabeth, Don and Harold. Kumanji later became a grandfather, where he always adored his grandchildren and would often travel between Elliott and Tennant Creek to visit them all, during his time.

Around 1993, Kumanji and Susan moved to Elliott with daughter Sharon and grandson Dion. Kumanji lived in Elliott for several months, and then decided to move back to Tennant Creek. Shortly after moving back to Tennant Creek, Kumanji lost his beloved wife Susan. Shortly after losing his wife, Kumanji felt he had nowhere to go, so decided to move and live in Elliott with his Step daughter Christine and her Family.

While living in Elliott, Kumanji worked for Gurungu Aboriginal Council as a CDEP participant, for a number of years. Part of his job involved working and living around a lot of outstations around Elliott. The Outstations he worked in were Marla (Jingaloo), Marlinja, Powell Creek, Beetaloo (Lily Hole), Murrunji.

A lot of the jobs were mainly repairing and maintaining these places. They also did things like collecting wood, gardening and fixing cars. Kumanji really loved living in Elliott. He became a well-respected elder of the community, where he would get along very well with everyone. He was also a strong football fan, where he would always support the local Teams, the Elliott Hawks and Marla Power Football Clubs.

In 2000, He met his second wife Elizabeth Newcastle in Elliott. Kumanji also helped Elizabeth with her three children Valerie, Rasma and Clayton. Shortly after, Kumanji and Elizabeth moved to Mataranka. After living in Mataranka for quite some time, they both decided to live in Darwin. They lived in Darwin for a couple of years, before Kumanji became diagnosed with renal failure.

After finding out about his illness, Kumanji wanted to move back to Tennant Creek, to be closer to family. In 2005 Kumanji and Elizabeth got their own 2 bedroom flat 28 Grigg St. They lived there for about 7 years. Around 2014, Elizabeth and Kumanji moved to Elderado St with Valerie and her kids. Later that year, Kumanji and Elizabeth moved to the Block, just outside of Town on the Warrego Rd, while waiting on accommodation in Town. Kumanji found peace and quiet while living at the Block.

In 2015 Kumanji and Elizabeth moved to a 1 bedroom unit on Shamrock St. Kumanji wanted to still live at the block. He got sick and got evacuated to Alice Springs Hospital, where he spent the last couple of months. Kumanji was brought back to Tennant Creek on the 13th August, than sadly on the 15th August 2015, Kumanji left us to be with Our Father in Heaven.



Tribute Songs in Memory of Kumanji:

A Fathers Love by George Strait.

Evening Star by Kenny Rogers

Home sweet Home by Fitzroy Express.

Extended Families Include: Beasley, Newcastle, Fowler, Dixon, Raymond, Baird, Ross, Thomas, Grant, Benson, Bill, Thompson, Moore, Dobbs, Kelly, Janima, Haines, Wilson, Rankine, Holmes, Bailey, Peterson, Elkidra, Morton, Namina, Jones, Jackson, Brown, Rambler, Haywood, Bredd, Duggie, Corbett, Brown, Shaw, Long, Tracker, Ladd, Price, Friday, Murphy, Pope, Camphoo, Turner, Dickenson, James, Hayes, Mills, Pick, Karrer, Dinnie, Fly, Young, Small, Club, Mick, Nelson, Inkamala, Jackson.



Pall Bearers:

Donovan Raymond

Kurt Raymond

Warrick Waistcoat

Eric Waistcoat

Jamie Williams

William Williams





Rest in Peace