Joseph Firmin Desire Gaudet, better known to friends and family as Firmin Gaudet, was born and raised in the farming community of St. Isidore de Bellevue, SK. Firmin left in 1962 and enlisted for a brief time with the Royal Canadian Air Force. By 1965 Firmin had made his way to the NWT working for Northland Utilities and CN Telecommunications, visiting various communities. In 1973 he moved his wife, daughter, and newborn son to Yellowknife where he started a career with Plains Western Gas and Electric. By 1975 he had become a journeyman lineman and by 1981 he was Operations Manager of what is now Northland Utilities (Yellowknife) Ltd. Firmin retired in 1999 and left the North in 2000. He would spend a few years in British Columbia with family before returning to Saskatchewan and eventually settling back in Bellevue.

On September 3, 2011, Firmin lost his battle with cancer and leaves behind many family and friends. Firmin will always be remembered as a hard worker and a man who loved to socialize and be around friends. Firmin was predeceased by his parents Jacques and Elodie Gaudet, one brother, one sister, and one brother-in-law. He is survived by: his daughter Adelle (Daniel) Guigon of Yellowknife, NT; his son Martin (Antje) Gaudet of Okotoks, AB; his grandchildren Jessica, Jarod, and Erich; five brothers; and three sisters.

The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on September 8, 2011, at the St. Isidore Roman Catholic Church in Bellevue, followed by his Interment at the St. Isidore Roman Catholic Cemetery. Funeral arrangements were entrusted to Marc Blondeau of Kushneryk Funeral Service, Wakaw, Saskatchewan (306-233-4403).

Donations in memory of Firmin may be directed to the Rosthern Hospital Memorial Fund (306-232-4811).