

# Fred Hart

Frederick Jack Hart Jr., passed away Monday, July 17, 2023.

He was born July 7, 1949, in Grangeville.

The son of Lorena Kipp Hart and Frederick Jack Hart Sr., he attended Kooskia Grade School. Later school in The Dalles, Ore., and boarding schools in Chilocco and Chocho, Okla. He attended technical school at Lewis-Clark State College for appliance repair and waste water management in Phoenix.

Fred joined the U.S. Army 1968 and was stationed at Fort Lewis and Fort Riley. He left the Army in 1971 as Private First Class.

He married Julie Wheeler, they later separated.

Fred is survived by two daughters, Danica Hart and Elissa Hart, nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

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# Michelle Anne Wilson

Michelle Anne Wilson 'Iceye'eye Maqsma'qs was born January 19, 1957 in Lewiston, Idaho to Maynard Simon Wilson and Lucille Damion Redheart Wilson. She passed away on Friday July 7, 2023 at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center surrounded by family.

She attended Riverside Indian School all four years and graduated in 1975. She continued her education at Lewis Clark State College graduating in 1976 with a degree in Graphic Arts and then a Bachelor's degree in Business in 2005.

She worked for the Nez Perce Tribe for 40 plus years, starting with Printing and Publications, Natural Resources, Fire Management, ERWM, and finished with the Fisheries Department as Executive Assistant.

Michelle was an avid Yankees and Mariners fan, as well as Lapwai Wildcats, always supporting her children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews at sporting events. She attended many baseball games in Seattle watching the Mariners and Yankees with her twins, and family.

She loved gathering medicine and huckleberry picking with her family and enjoyed gamin nights especially playing Yahtzee with family and friends. In her early years, she traveled playing softball to Ft Duchesne, Utah, Warm Springs, Oregon for Pi-Ume-Sha Days, Ft. Hall, Idaho, Arlee, Montana, United Tribes of North Dakota, Toppenish, Washington for Treaty Days, Wellpinit, Washington and Aberdeen, Washington for Native Nationals. She was a part of the Women's softball summer league and played for many years. Michelle was part of the E-Peh-Tes Pow wow committee and the CRC

Hiitem'Waq'swit Pow wow Committee doing registration. She was head coach for her daughter's T-ball and little league softball teams.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her brothers Maynard Wilson Jr., Michael Wayne Wilson and sisters, Cindy Chapman and Meredith Simone Wilson. She is survived by her sister's, Beck Simpson and Doris Squeochs (Mike Squeochs), brothers Mark Wilson and Pistol Pete Wilson. Her twins, Joshua Dale Henry and Josette Michelle Henry, her grandchildren, Savion, Jalena, Simon, Joshalyn and Taleha Henry, O'Shae and Felicia Perez and family, Maceo and Resa Starr Henry and family, Sancia and Legend Perez. As a beloved auntie, grandma, sister, cousin, she is survived by countless family and all those who knew and loved her.

Services will be held, Monday, July 10, 2023 3:00 pm a dressing at Malcom Brower Wann, 7:00 pm with Memorial at Pi-Nee-Waus Community Center. Tuesday, July 11, 2023 10:00 am Funeral at Pi-Nee-Waus Community Center Burial at Redheart Cemetery Dinner and Giveaway at Pi-Nee-Waus Community Center.

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## **Anthony Bybee, 84, of Sweetwater**

Anthony Bybee, 84.942 years old (he was a machinist), passed Sunday morning June 25, 2023, in Sweetwater. He was born July 15, 1938, on Mission Creek outside Culdesac.

He leaves behind his wife Kathy and his children Tony Jr., Greg, Tawna, Ken and Bob. The second youngest of eight children, he is survived only by his older sister Chris Pearsall.

His career as a machinist at Omark/Blount/ATK lasted until 2004 and his retirement years were filled with many trips and family reunions where he enjoyed seeing his many grandchildren. He will be remembered for his wisdom and willingness to help anyone he met.

A viewing will take place at 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 28, at Vassar-Rawls Funeral Home in Lewiston. As per his wishes, he will later be cremated.

A celebration of life will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, June 29, at the Pi-Nee-Waus in Lapwai. There will be a small service and food will be provided as we positively reflect on his life and the legacies he created in his short time on Earth.

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## **Isaiah H. Arthur**

Isaiah Harmon Arthur, better known as "Ike" to many, passed away at 84 years old May 30, 2023, in Pullman at the Regency Memory Care Unit. Ike was born March 3, 1939, at his parents' home in east Kamiah to David Arthur and Clara L. (Lockwood) Arthur. Ike was a member of the Nez Perce Tribe. Isaiah attended the Kamiah Schools. He grew up in east Kamiah. He loved running around the Hillside behind First Presbyterian Church.

As the oldest son, Ike had a lot more responsibilities than the rest of his siblings. He had to quit

school after the 8th grade to start working, to help support his family to put food on the table for his parents and brothers and sisters. Ike started working for Potlach Mill in Kamiah, Idaho in 1957. Ike worked there until Potlach shut down in 1984. Ike was one of the couple hundred workers who was transferred to Potlach Mill in Lewiston on April 1, 1984. Ike and Verna moved to Clarkston once he was transferred. Then there was a huge shutdown at Potlach of Lewiston in June of 1984. Ike started working for his stepdaughter and stepson-in-law that summer of 1984 at Leach Well Drilling, stationed out of Clarkston. He stayed with them until 1986. In 1986, Ike restarted working for Potlach, but this time at the mill in St. Maries and stayed there for three years until he was transferred back to Lewiston until his retirement in 2001. Later, Potlach Mills, became Clearwater Paper. After he retired, he went into the lawn mowing business, and mowed lawns until 2016. Ike met the love of his life in 1959 at The Rock, right across from his parents house, but didn't even know it at the time. Ike and Verna (Prewitt) Arthur were married August 12, 1962, in Caldwell. Ike instantly inherited a huge family, consisting of three stepsons, one stepdaughter and two stepgrandsons. Ike and Verna raised two children on Main Street in Kamiah. Ike was an active member of the Pine Ridge Baptist Church in Kamiah for 11 years. He helped start the Emergency Warehouse in Kamiah, which is now well-known as Loving Hands Thrift on Idaho Highway 12 between Kooskia and Kamiah. At the time of the startup, they used a small building in the Bethman Addition next to the VFW Hall.

Ike liked to hunt when he was younger and fish — especially with the grandchildren. Ike loved camping and being out in the mountains getting wood to heat the house. Ike and Verna's favorite campground was O'Hara, on the Selway river. He also loved going on two-week camping trips every single summer. They loved to go on drives every weekend that the family wasn't camping. We never knew what road we were going to be on during the drive. One of the sons told them, "one day we are going to run out of gas and no one will know where we are at!" Of course, that never happened, but it could have!

Ike loved being around the family, no matter the occasion, holidays, barbecues, camping or lazy Sundays. Isaiah Arthur is survived by his son Daniel Arthur, of Kamiah, and daughter Susan (Arthur) Merrell (Leon), of Salem, Oregon; two step-sons Ronald Willoughby Sr. (Kay), of Lewiston, Gary Willoughby (Judy), of Bristol, Fla.; two brothers, Victor Arthur, of Pocatello, Aaron Arthur, of Warm Springs, Ore., and two sisters Verna Johnson and Donna Konen, both of Lewiston. Ike also has 14 grandchildren and many great grandchildren plus many nieces and nephews that he loved.

Isaiah Arthur is preceded in death by his parents, David and Clara Arthur; his wife Verna Arthur; three brothers, Mark Arthur, Walter Arthur and Edison Arthur; paternal grandparents, Reverend Mark and Mary Arthur; maternal grandparents Lincoln and Amy Lockwood; a stepson, Charles Willoughby; a stepdaughter, Cathy Leach; and also a stepgranddaughter, Crystal Graves, and a stepgrandson, Nathaniel Leach Jr. (Speedy).

The family would like to thank all of the staff at Regency Memory Care Unit of Pullman for taking good care of Isaiah Arthur, while he was there.

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## **Muriel A. Slickpoo**

Muriel Alane Slickpoo

"Eelou i ya Tshohnt my" (Winter Storm Woman) was born on September 18, 1956 in Clarkston, WA

to Ernestine (Hayes) and Allen P. Slickpoo, Sr.. She passed away on Monday, June 12, in Lewiston, ID of renal failure.

Muriel was raised in Kamiah with her family at the “Hayes” ranch. She was part of the 2nd Presbyterian church “village kids” (Moffetts, Edwards, Davis’, Walkers, Southers). Muriel attended Kamiah schools and later received her GED.

When Muriel was 7 years old, she sang the song “Where the Roses Never Fade” on the radio station KORT with her Uncle Pete Hayes playing his guitar.

Like her Dad, Muriel became very outspoken and advocated for her Tribal rights. When she was 23, she joined her Dad and younger brother, Harry, at the conflict occurring at Rapid River south of Riggins in 1980 when federal and state officers tried to forcefully cease Nez Perce Tribal members from fishing on their ancestral fishing grounds.

Muriel married Phillip (Red Woman) Mendacino in 1974. Together they had Pamela Antoinette. The marriage later ended in divorce. In 1977, Muriel and her sister, Mary, moved to Billings, MT. It was there she met the love of her life, Thomas Medicine Elk, Jr. Their love created a daughter, Lucy Lynn, in 1978. Tragically, Tom was killed in a car accident when Lucy was just six months old. In 1979, Muriel moved to Bismarck, ND to attend the United Tribes Technical College for the secretarial program. She made many friends there and still talked of the fun times she had. It was there she met Max Weasel Boy. They moved back to Kamiah and later had a son, Max “Pino” Weasel Boy, Jr. , who was born in 1983.

Muriel started worked various jobs including construction, and in local mills until she went to work for the Nez Perce Tribe in the 1980’s. Her work with the Tribe started as a Community Health Representative aide before she moved to the TERO (Tribal Employment Rights Office) in Lapwai. Muriel worked for TERO in several capacities including Compliance officer, Interim Director, as well as National TERO Commission Secretary and Chairperson. Muriel is also credited with writing the current TERO Compliance Plan which is included in the Title IX Law & Order Code of the Nez Perce Tribe. Due to health reasons, Muriel retired from the Tribe a few years ago.

Muriel enjoyed traveling to powwows, rodeos, playing bingo, and gambling at the casino. Muriel was also an excellent seamstress, which she learned from her Mom. Muriel made wing dresses, slips, cloth dresses, and shell dresses. Muriel also made pillow cases and purses. Continuing with her advocacy work, in 2016, Muriel traveled with her daughter Lucy, nieces Tina Tall Bull, Rebecca (Slickpoo) Lehman, nephews Thomas, Tei, and Tony Tall Bull, and grandson Cayuse Tall Bull to the Standing Rock Sioux Reservation in North Dakota to protest the construction of the Dakota Access Pipeline (No DAPL!). The pipeline would threaten sacred burial grounds, quality of water, and have significant environmental and cultural impacts on the Indigenous peoples of the area. She stayed a couple of weeks with the Nez Perce Tribe delegation in the Red Warrior Encampment. Muriel also especially enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Muriel was preceded in death by her maternal grandparents, Edward & Mary Hayes; paternal grandparents, Sam Slickpoo and Rena Slickpoo; brothers Owen and Harry Slickpoo, grandson Bryan Thomas “Lil Tom” Kenoras.

Loved ones she leaves behind are her children, Pamela Steffy (David), Pino Weasel Boy of Kamiah, and Lucy Medicine Elk of Coulee Dam, WA. Sisters Mary Tall Bull, Etta Axtell, and Gayle Bear of

Kamiah. Brothers Allen Slickpoo, Jr (Lisa) of Kamiah, and Mike Wilson, Sr. of Lapwai; Nine grandchildren (Lyndsey Kenoras, Kaleigh Steffy, David Steffy Jr, Marcena Weasel Boy, Emali Steffy, Wapskaa Weasel Boy, Cesalli Steffy, Lance Steffy, and Arya Weasel Boy), four great-grandchildren, Aunts Freida “Pep” Ellenwood, Vera Sonneck of Lapwai, and Uncle Reginald James of Kamiah. Muriel also leaves behind several beloved nieces and nephews.

Dressing services will be held on Wednesday, June 14 at 2pm at Trenary Funeral home in Kooskia. Traditional Wahlahsat (7-drums) services led by Armand Minthorn will start at 7pm at the Waayas Community Center in Kamiah. A midnight meal will also be served. On Thursday, June 15 at 11am, funeral services with Pastor Antonio Smith will be held at the Waayas in Kamiah. Traditional burial services will occur at the Nez Perce Tribal cemetery on No Kid Lane with a dinner to follow at the Waayas.

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## Dorothy Hudson

Dorothy Hudson was born in Orofino, Feb. 7, 1943, and passed peacefully on Monday, May 22, 2023, at Orofino Hospital, with her husband Sam and daughter Mary by her side. She was 80 years old.

Dorothy was born to Milton Broncheau, Sr. and Elizabeth (Libby) Moody of Ahsahka (Ahskapo band). She was given the Nez Perce name Weetalu from her mother, which translates to Mourning Dove. Dorothy lost her mother at the young age of 15 and did her best as the oldest daughter to care for her 18 siblings. Dorothy’s maternal grandparents were Mary Harrison-Moody and Charles Moody and paternal grandparents were Walter Broncheau and Hattie James.

Growing up she remembered not being able to go to town (Orofino) unless absolutely necessary. Her parents spoke Nez Perce all the time and she had memories of gathering water from the river, no indoor plumbing and eating ka-op-pus and my-my, along with elk, deer, salmon and huckleberries. The parking lot next to Northfork Church was her family's property and Dorothy, along with cousins Vivian Daniels, Corbette Daniels, Wayne Kessler and Aunt Anna Haskins, were part of the protest to stop them from building the hatchery. They laid down stretched out on the ground in front of the bulldozer; ultimately the Army Corp Engineers got their way and built the hatchery.

Dorothy enjoyed attending Pow-wows, Sr. Elder days, Teweeppuu community dinners and activities, gambling, gathering huckleberries, going to Lochsa and Elk City, digging khouse khouse, picking paasq’, kiiikt-kiit, attending Northfork Church evangelistic dinner and sale, annual Talmaks dinner and sale, biannual tribal general council meetings, annual tribal Christmas party, helping with memorials and giveaways and attending all types of celebrations.

She really enjoyed spending time with family and was always willing to help others. Mom loved watching cooking shows and listening to classic country music and was a big Elvis fan. Mom was known for her famous lemon meringue pie, which was often a special request to bring to gatherings. Dorothy attended Everett Community College for nursing while she worked in nursing homes as a CNA and before she retired. A couple years ago, she was working as a home health care provider for ANS. Mom worked in nursing for 40 years.

In her earlier years she also worked for Orofino School District as a teachers' aide for the tribe's JOM program. She coordinated Monday night tutoring and cultural night. Dorothy was nominated and received the Nez Perce Tribe Elder of the Year for 2019. Dorothy also named the Teweeppuu (Orofino people) Tribal Community Center back in 2001 when the center first opened.

One memory Dorothy was super proud of was the year she was asked to cook at Talmaks on behalf of Northfork Church and was asked to bake 100 pies for the week. Dorothy, and her sister Susan, made 75 pies that year and always had coffee on early in the morning for people to enjoy along with pies and cookies.

Dorothy was married to Earl Barnhouse and Rockwell Baker; both marriages ending in divorce. Dorothy then met and married the love of her life Sam Hudson.

Dorothy is preceded in death by her only son Clinton Barnhouse and her 18 siblings and many nephews and nieces. Dorothy is survived by her husband, Sam Hudson, of Peck; daughter Mary (Rich) Johnson of Kamiah; four grandchildren Mathew Lerandau, Dorothy Baker, Jazmine Johnson and Ahla (Cinuest) Johnson; two great-grandchildren Arya and Demani, and many cousins, nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m., Thursday, June 1, at Northfork Presbyterian Church in Ahsahka, with burial at Ahskapoo Cemetery, and dinner following at Teweeppuu Community Center, 45555 Highway 12, Orofino. Head cook is Shawn Province.

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## Larissa Lee Hornof

Larissa Lee Hornof, 72, passed away Friday, May 19, 2023, at Eastern Idaho Regional Medical Center in Idaho Falls.

Larissa, a.k.a. Chauncina, was born to loving parents Vera (Rogers) and David Brooks in Los Angeles, California on September 18, 1950.

Larissa was known to many as Friend, Chauncina, Mom, Grandma and, as Sister Smiley. Chauncina was eager to share the gospel at every turn. Her eyes glimmered with an abundance of love, passion and devotion. She never seen the bad anyone, no matter the situation she would look at the world through God's eyes and only see the best in everyone and everything.

Her smile and laughter were contagious. As people reach out from all over the country the story remains the same, how she touched so many people's life, while everyone was quick to comment on the positivity that radiated from her soul, and how nobody will ever forget her laughter and beautiful smile.

Chauncina was passionate about service, family history and embracing her Native American history. She was a member of the Nez Perce Tribe. Chauncina once participated in taking over Alcatraz with the Nez Perce tribe in order to protest seizure of Indian land. She was referred to as an Indian Princess by her mom and dad, husband and many other loved ones. Growing up Chauncina modeled

for professional paintings while even debuting in a western movie as an Indian in the 1969 Disney Classic "Smith!".

Prior to graduating from Belmont high school in 1969. She met the love of her life which inevitably led to the marriage of James Hornof. Chauncina and James (Jim) were married on February 13, 1971, and stood by each other side faithfully for 52 years when Jim had passed on paving the way for Chauncina's arrival in heaven, their love exceeded mortality and were sealed for eternity in the Las Angeles temple on February 15, 1973.

Chauncina raised five rambunctious boys who tested her strength/faith at every turn. James, a.k.a Jimmy, Sean, Jan, Joseph and Forest who all love her unconditionally and, Thank God for the opportunity to have been blessed with an angel, role model and beloved mother to be in their lives. Chauncina, not only never gave up on these five little heathens but, pursued a higher education through West Texas A&M University and received a bachelor's degree in teaching in December of 1992.

Her passion to learn had never slowed nor stopped she continued short courses, conferences and, certified trainings with every opportunity she proudly displayed Certificates from ISU, BYU, University of MT, California State University, Antioch University, University of WY and was a proud participant of the pathway student program.

Chauncina's love for children allowed her to excel in multiple roles as a teacher and mentor to many. Some of her highlights were working with the special needs children in Montpelier Id., Snake River Id., and Browning Mt. Her passion to teach also spread into Wyola and St. Labre, near Ashland Mt, with a variety of student ranging from K-12 and specializing in math and reading recovery.

Chauncina, was an amazing woman who stood true to her convictions and loved the Lord unconditionally. She loved the gospel and valued every opportunity to share the word with all that would listen. She was a prayer warrior and never turned anyone away. She will be sorely missed by all that have known her. Her charismatic laugh and, inability to contain her excitement was one of the many things we will always cherish.

Chauncina was survived by her sons, James G. Hornof of Englewood CO, Sean Robert (Jenifer Sue) Hornof of Shelly Id, Jan Robert (Shayla) Hornof of Dalhart Tx, Joseph David Hornof of Burley Id, Forest Kodiak Hornof of Blackfoot Id, Sister-in-Law Sharon Hornof of Dalhart Tx; and grandchildren Sean-Zachariah Hornof, Emma Hornof, Hunter Hornof, Elizabeth Hornof, Aaron Hornof, Athena Hornof, Aiden Hornof, Meagan Gustin, Jeremy Bridgeman, Jacob Bridgman; great grandchildren Zaiden-Wayne and Zamiah; along many nieces and nephews.

Chauncina was preceded in death by her parents, David Brooks, Vera (Rogers) Brooks, her brother David (Bobby) Brooks, her husband James D. Hornof, mother-in-law Alberta Gammon, father-in-law Frank E. Hornof, Brother-in-Law John C. Hornof and maternal Grandmother, Hattie Davis.

Funeral Services will be held at 11:00 am on 5/24 at Blackfoot Stake Center. The family will meet with friends from 6-8 pm on 5/23 at Hawker Funeral Home and again one hour prior to the services at the church. Burial will be at Veterans Memorial Park in Blackfoot Id at 10:30 am on 5/25.

Condolences can be shared with family at [www.hawkerfuneralhome.com](http://www.hawkerfuneralhome.com)

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# Elias Armand Albert

Taken too soon, loved by many, Elias Armand Albert-Spencer “Suge”, a loving son, grandson, nephew, cousin, uncle and friend to many, passed away May 12, 2023 at the age of 22. Elias was born January 22, 2001 in Lewiston, ID where he grew up most of his life and also in Lapwai, surrounded by friends and family.

Elias was truly an old and mighty soul who always beamed his beautiful smile if you were family, friends or strangers. Full of life, he filled a room with his radiant positivity and joyful laughter. His love for nature entailed fishing trips to nearby rivers and ponds. He was the true definition of a provider, self-less & always quick to help. He never failed to see the good in anyone he crossed paths with. A well-mannered gentleman, known to everyone around, always made sure to wave hello even if it was from the passenger side through a drive thru. Eli had mad love and loyalty towards all his family and friends, especially for the three main women in his life, his grandma Val, his mother Andrianna and his auntie Sienna. He was their main heart and center. He loved and respected his grandma dearly and always tried helping her out, especially with yard work, he was truly her baby. He was very close to his mom, he was her SonSon, and they would talk about anything and everything for hours on end and shared love for all types of music. His connection with Sienna was more than an auntie, she’s his best friend, sister and sometimes a mom. She took him under her wing as soon as he was born. Even though she sometimes terrorized him she was also his guidance and support. There was nothing Sienna wouldn’t do for him. His love and loyalty extended beyond blood but also to his dear friends. He would always be seen walking around Lapwai, Lewiston, And Clarkston or waiting for the Appaloosa Express bus, boxing gym bag in hand. He took a turn in his life this past year, getting serious about physical training and dietary habits to better himself in his career. He was a Professional boxer with extraordinary potential and will continue to bear his gloves on the other side. He had a beautiful passion for music of all kinds and took interest in the industry by being a poetic lyricist. He was always out having fun with his friends and if he wasn’t doing that he was spending time with his family, watching movies, playing video games, or just having conversations with them for hours on end. He was very Proud of his Nimiipuu, Yakama Nation, Athabaskan and Latino roots. Elias was the light in our life who brought a fresh new experience everyday. He was always anxious to see friends and family even if he seen them the day before. Our young handsome warrior is now a powerful guardian angel watching over all of us and he will be missed dearly.

Elias is survived by his grandparents  
Valerie Albert (Warren Reuben)  
George Albert (Millie Nollner)

His Parents Andrianna Albert (James Paddlety IV) and James Spencer Sr.

His Aunties And Uncles  
Sienna Reuben  
Victoria Potter (Jeffery Potter)  
Beverly Childers  
Bobby Albert (Tauna Albert)  
Daisy Albert  
Jenny Blackeagle (Daniel Lawyer)



Siblings:

James F. Spencer Jr.

Leslie (Tim) Bursch

Tashena Spencer

Jessica Spencer

Sierra Spencer

Cody Moses

Silas Moses

Elijah Moses

Elias is preceded in death by his great Grandparents Van & Irene Wilkins; Mary Jane Moody; and James J. Spencer Jr. and Catherine Andrews, his grandparents Frank & Shirlee Spencer, and his brother (Late) Raymond Spencer.

Services will be held at the Pi-nee-waus in Lapwai, ID on May 19, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. and burial to follow at Spalding Cemetery, Spalding ID, dinner to follow.

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## **Maxine Gabriella Garcia-Ruiz**

11/19/1998 — 5/13/2023

Maxine Gabriella Garcia-Ruiz, 24 years old, passed away Saturday, May 13, 2023, in Pasco.

Maxine was born Nov. 19, 1998, in Chula Vista, Calif., to mother M. Lisa Garcia and father Francisco Ruiz, joining three sisters and one brother in a large and loving family.

Maxine grew up in Clarkston and attended Charles Francis Adams High School for the first couple years before ultimately graduating from Enochs High School in Modesto, Calif., in 2017. This is where she met her boyfriend Neil Lahti, with whom she had a loving relationship.

Maxine found her niche working as a member ambassador in gym sales for the PAC Gym in Pasco.

Maxine's enjoyments in life were taking long walks with her partner Neil Lahti, spending time reading Manga and watching anime. Her adventurous fierce spirit is reflected in her niece who often accompanied her on dates.

Maxine's beautiful smile always shined brightly when she helped family and friends as a makeup stylist as she believed everyone had their own unique beauty. She found delight in being able to show them. Maxine's welcoming presence, and being able to laugh like old friends with new people, built a strong foundation of connections with individuals who wholeheartedly loved her. Maxine's kind, spontaneous personality brought joy to everyone around her. She will be dearly missed.

Maxine is survived by her grandmother Tonia B. Garcia; mother M. Lisa Garcia and father Francisco Ruiz; her sisters Gloria, Tonia and Angelis Garcia; her brothers Orlando Garcia, Zachary Terry; her niece Cataleya Terry, and her nephew Luka Terry.

Maxine is preceded in death by her grandfathers Orlando Garcia, Jaun Contreras and Herlindo Najera

Torres; her great-grandmothers Marijayne Moody, Esperanza del Rio, and her great-aunt Maria de los Angelis Najera del Río.

Her memorial service will begin at 7 p.m. Saturday, May 20, at the Pi-Nee-Waus Community Center, 504 Main St., Lapwai.

Funeral and burial services will be held at 10 a.m. Sunday, May 21, at Meadow Creek Church in Ferdinand. This will be for family and close friends. Dinner will follow at 2 p.m. at the Pi-Nee-Waus Community Center.

Joseph John Hines Sr.

Joseph John Hines Sr. passed away Saturday, May 6, 2023, at Kootenai Health in Coeur d'Alene.

Joseph was born July 17, 1960, in Lewiston, to Benjamin Hines Sr. and Josephine Hines. He attended Lapwai Elementary School and then went on to Lapwai High School. Joseph was a fast learner and skillful in the trades and hard labor of auto mechanics. His passion was auto mechanics, which is how he made a living.

Joseph grew up hunting and fishing during his early life, which contributed to his strong work ethic. The thing that mattered to him most was his beloved grandchildren. They spent every summer with him.

He is survived by his brother Ben Hines Jr. of Lapwai; three sons Nathaniel Hines, Joseph Hines of Lapwai, and Clifton Hines of Toppenish, Wash.; three daughters Felicia Hines and Kimberly Hines of Toppenish, and Kathereen Hines of White Swan, Wash.; also his one and only true love, Georgina White, of Toppenish; his granddaughters Danielle, Jessica, and Jennifer, and grandson Jonathan, all of Toppenish; his aunt Gladys Slickpoo, and cousin Sharon Broncheau, of Juliaetta.

Joseph was preceded in death by his parents Ben Hines Sr. and Josephine Hines; his brother Thomas Hines Sr.; his sisters Benita Hines and Lenita Jo Hines; also David White Sr. and Linda White of Spalding; and his best friend, John Craig.

The dressing ceremony and viewing took place at Malcom's Brower-Wann funeral home in Lewiston on Thursday, May 11, followed by a gathering at the Pi Nee Waus, in Lapwai, with a celebration facilitated by Rev. Mary Jane Miles. The burial will be held at 10 a.m., Friday, May 12, at the Broncheau Cemetery in Spalding.

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## **Barbara J. Wheeler**

Our beloved matriarch, Barbara J. Wheeler, Li Ken Yott (goes along the edge), was called into eternal paradise by our almighty and eternal God on Sunday, May 7, 2023.

Services for Barbara began with a dressing Tuesday, May 9, at Mountain View Funeral Home in Lewiston, and followed by a visitation at the family home on McCormack Ridge Road. Walasut Services took place with Andre Picard Jr. officiating. A Catholic service will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, May 10, at the Pi-Nee-Waus Community Center in Lapwai. Deacon Chris Davies will

officiate the service.

Barbara was born Jan. 9, 1935, to Bill and Lucy (Hill) Johnson in Lapwai. The family moved to Webb built a home where the family is still residing today.

Barbara grew up in a time of transition when new western ways were being added to the tribal traditions and customs. At a young age she was blessed with a working family that had cattle, horses and grew gardens, fished, hunted and gathered traditional foods. She would tell stories of the food caches she would go in to help store and retrieve foods for the family.

Barbara attended Lapwai Schools in her years as a child and teens. She had many friends in the Lapwai area, many of those friends have passed on, but she often spoke of these friends and their families that continue to live in Lapwai and other areas.

She would also tell us many stories her cousins that were all considered brothers and sisters as is the Nimiipuu way. Those stories included dancing, teasing one another, hiking the countryside, swimming and fighting to name a few. She also helped her younger sisters and brothers when necessary as was customary in tribal families to do.

While growing up she was what would be considered an old soul as she cared and was considerate for all things around her. We today have and were fortunate to be able to experience this kindness and soul for many years. Many people in the community that she took into her home or were friends of her children knew her kindness and heart.

She married the love of her life, William L. Wheeler Sr., on March 25, 1952. They started their family in 1955 with the birth of their first son William L. Wheeler Jr. "Little Choc."

Little Choc was the beginning of the rest of the family, which turned out to be 11 children in total. This large family was a very tight knit family. Barbara made sure that the family understood our roles and responsibilities to one another. She made sure each and every one of us felt equally loved, and we all thought she loved us the most, but come to find out she loved us all the same, which indeed was something special that she truly had unconditional love for her children.

Barbara was a part of the family business growing up, and then began her own business between her and Bill for many years which included cafe operations, smoke shops, fireworks and gambling games at pow wows throughout the northwest. They also had a smoke shop in the 1970s and continued smoke shops into the early 2000s before she retired. Wild Bills Fireworks was probably the business that they enjoyed the most, and the motto "The name says it all" being the reason. They traveled all around the Pacific Northwest meeting people and making new business acquaintances and developing partnerships throughout the Northwest.

Barbara lost the love of her life in 1993 in Reno, Nev. She never remarried after that and held him closely to her heart and memory and in spirit. After Bill's passing, Barbara in retirement enjoyed family more than ever she enjoyed all the grandkids. Her grandchildren brought her much joy in her life. Many times in her life she was part of five generations, grandmother, father, mother, son and grandson being the first. As she grew older, many of the grandchildren would come to see her upon entering the house, they would head directly to her room, where she would be in her chair, watching sports, as she was an avid sports fan. She loved Gonzaga Basketball, 49ers football and she truly loved watching golf, you could ask her about different players, and who's gonna win this game, what

are the stats? You could ask her about boxers that were going to fight and she would give you the rundown or the analysis of the match or game and generally she would be correct.

She was truly kindhearted and would have an open door for many people in the community from a young age until her passing. If she couldn't physically or spiritually help you then she would say "I can pray for you!"

She is preceded in death by her mother and father; siblings Annabel, Isabell, Ernestine, Jasper, Dorothy, Clara, Fay, Bill Johnson Jr.; husband Bill Wheeler Sr.; children Ernestine Wheeler, Donna Lewis, Jon Wheeler, Barbara Pike. She is survived by her sister, Donna Peterson; her children, William Wheeler Jr. (Joyce), Oliver Wheeler (the late Julie Wheeler), Harlan Wheeler (Alicia), Shannon F. Wheeler, Dorothy Sherwood (Francis), Dominic M. Wheeler, Julia J. Wheeler, Billie Jo Taptoe (David), Arno Tulee. First born grandson David Louie Harrison, and numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

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## Mazie Jo Daniels

Mazie Jo Daniels (Tah-mah-yew tah likt – Josiah Red Wolf's Mother's name, and Kotskots-nim-Liitskow), was born December 17, 1979, to Joseph "Hardy" William Daniels III and Belle Linda Walker.

Mazie was very proud of her 15/16 blood line of her Nez Perce ancestors. Her paternal grandparents are the late Josephine P. Ramsey and Joseph W. Daniels Jr. Her maternal grandparents are Lois Maude Oatman and the late Ronald Oatman. Her maternal grandfather is the late Harold Jerome Walker. Mazie was named after her great grandmother Mazie Red Wolf, whose father, Josiah Red Wolf, survived the battles of the Nez Perce War of 1877 during his adolescent years, while unfortunately losing his mother and sister during the war.

Mazie Jo Daniels was a student at the Nez Perce Tribe's Headstart Program. She attended Kamiah Elementary and Junior High. She was raised by her maternal grandparents Lois & Ron and her big extended family on Beaverslide Road, in Kamiah, ID, alongside her brothers/cousins Joseph, Ryan, and McCoy Oatman. Mazie was blessed to have been raised in Kamiah by her Aunt Jennifer, Uncle Jim, Uncle Wilbur, and Uncle RC. During the summer before her freshman year, Mazie moved to Lapwai, ID to live with her paternal Alat (grandma) Josephine and grandpa Don Taylor and was raised alongside her sister/cousin Roberta "Bad Berta" Jose-Bisbee. While in Lapwai, Mazie was blessed to have been raised by her father's siblings Dennis "Gunny" Paul, Rich Ramsey Sr., and Jennifer "Woofy" Ramsey. Mazie and Berta graduated from Lapwai High School in 1998. During Mazie's high school years, she was a cheerleader as well as the renowned wildcat mascot. Mazie later attended Lewis Clark State College for two semesters and completed some core classes. While attending college she also started working at the Headstart as an early childhood development teacher. Mazie was able to obtain her Child Development Association certificate. She was beloved by the many students she taught and was also loved by her co-teachers and all Headstart and Early Childhood staff and Administration. After her employment at Headstart, Mazie worked at the Nez Perce Enterprises Administration and Human Resource offices. She then moved on to the Nez Perce Tribe Vocation Rehabilitation Program. Upon her passing, she was employed with the Mamaayasnim Hiitemenwees—making it full circle as that is where her employment journey began.

In 2008, Mazie enrolled in college at the Haskell Indian Nations University in Lawrence, KS. During her time in Lawrence, Mazie joined different campus clubs and got involved with the Haskell Social Work Club and helped distribute Thanksgiving and Christmas Baskets for the low income Native families living Lawrence, KS. The social work club would always ask Mazie to make her frybread for the fundraisers they held to help low-income families. Mazie made many friends from California, to Texas, to Oklahoma. She was loved by many at Haskell. Mazie also took classes at the Northwest Indian College from 2009-2010, and 2002-2003. She was known for her beautiful penmanship, and she had amazing organizational skills, her cousin Tee referenced Mazie as the family manager. Mazie later returned home to the Nez Perce reservation and met Damion Redwolf Wilson, they later married in 2011, and she loved and cherished Damion's children – Keon, Sydell, and Dimitri. Mazie referred to the kids as her "Wilson Kids". They later divorced in 2016.

Mazie Jo was a big support to her mother Linda Belle and would also be like a second mother to her younger sisters Frances, Lindsey, and Willissa Walker. Aunty Mazie would spend time with her nephew Donovan and niece Rayne Harrison. She also spent a lot of time with her niece Remi Joy Williams. Her nieces and nephews were her pride and joy. Mazie loved the time she would spend with her brother Mike and Roberta Bisbee, and she relished her time with the Bisbee children: Micah, Michael III "BB", Madden and Memphis. Mazie would travel to Dillon, MT, to visit the Bisbee family when Mike and Berta attended The University of Montana Western, Dillon, MT, even making one trip to witness the birth of her precious nephew Michael 'BB' Bisbee.

Mazie loved the outdoors and wilderness. She enjoyed going to dig Qemus with her grandma Lois, Essie, JoAnne, Phyllis, Loretta, and Bunky. She learned the Nez Perce method of baking Qemus under the ground. Mazie attended the First Indian Presbyterian Church as a little girl and in most recent months with her Grandma Lois. She attended the annual Talmaks encampment if she was living close in the area as she always looked forward to celebrating the 4th of July in Talmaks for kids' activities. She would volunteer to cook, clean, and organize as needed during the annual Talmaks Dinner and Sale.

Mazie enjoyed her time fishing and BBQ'n on the Selway River. She also traveled down to Rapid River, where she caught her first salmon by dipnet with brothers Joe, Ryan, and Aaron Gould. Mazie said that the first salmon was for her father Joe Hardy! Mazie would eventually make her way to the Columbia River with her friend Crystal 'Rabz' Rabago, where she met the love of her life, Silas Howtopat. Silas and Mazie would make their home on and near the Columbia River. While Mazie was living along the Columbia River with Silas, she was introduced to the Rock Creek Longhouse and attended the rootfeasts and powwow. She returned home after living on the river for two years and when she returned to the Nez Perce Reservation, she was skilled in making Cedar Baskets and Tule Mats—a skill she honed while living near the Columbia.

Mazie was involved with many Nez Perce Tribal activities; she volunteered her time to serve the general membership as she was elected for more than 6 years as an Election Judge and Secretary for the General Council. Mazie's exquisite knowledge of the Nez Perce Tribe election ordinance and constitution is something she studied and knew how to administer.

Mazie had such an amazing personality, she was full of fun, and her beautiful smile will be missed. Mazie had so much love for everyone, no matter what she was going through in life, during holidays and birthdays she would ensure that she provided a gift to everyone, she never left people out when she was giving. Mazie took care of so many family members, and non-family members, she was well

known for her frybread making skills, she would say that her meatpies, and rezdogs were the best, and if any of her nieces said differently, she would never forgive them. She was volunteered at times by her nephew and niece to bring frybread to school for show and tell and holiday parties.

In 2022, Mazie was diagnosed with cancer, she fought stage four cancer with smiles and grit. When she should have been resting, she was helping and taking care of everyone around her. She sacrificed her personal time to be of help to others, in so many ways by cleaning, fundraising, coordinating, organizing fundraisers, baking, cooking, and always ensuring her nieces and nephews were active with family activities. Mazie was hardworking, she worked up until the day she passed, she put pride in her work and representation. Up until her final day, she was still giving orders and requests.

She is preceded in death by her father, Joseph “Hardy” Daniels III; paternal grandparents Josephine Ramsey, and Joseph William Daniels, and Grandpa Don; her maternal grandfathers Harold Jerome Walker and Ronald Oatman; a brother, Jason Daniels; two nephews, Michael Anthony “BB” Bisbee III, and Titan John Charles Ramsey; and a niece Pauline Howtopat.

She is survived by her Mother Belle Linda Walker; maternal grandmother Lois Maude Oatman; sisters Roberta (Mike II) Jose-Bisbee, Frances Walker, Lindsey Joleen Walker, and Willissa (D’Von) Walker; brothers Joseph (RaeAnn) Oatman, Ryan Oatman, and McCoy (Augustina) Oatman; and an extended family that extends far and wide.

A funeral service will be held on Friday, May 5, 2023, beginning at 10:00 am at the First Indian Presbyterian Church in East Kamiah, Idaho. A graveside service will be held on Wednesday, May 10, 2023.

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## **Clinton Broncheau-Barnhouse**

Clinton James Broncheau-Barnhouse passed away tragically on Tuesday, March 28, 2023, at the age of 58. The circumstances of his death are under investigation by Nez Perce tribal and federal agencies. Clinton was born in Orofino, on June 15, 1964, to Wesley Earl Barnhouse and Dorothy Broncheau. Clinton was raised mostly by his Grandpa Milton Broncheau Sr., in Orofino.

Clinton was a member of the Nez Perce Tribe, attended the Nez Perce Tribal School in Lapwai, and assisted Rev. David Miles in the Nez Perce language program. He also helped put chains on the tribal school bus, as needed, to facilitate getting to school from Orofino to Lapwai. He worked for the Nez Perce Fisheries and Forestry Program.

Clinton was an all-around American boy. He attended school in Everett, Wash., before moving back to Idaho with his grandpa.

Clinton received a scholarship from the tribal school for his artwork, but dropped out after the school shut down. He attended school at Upward Bound at the University of Idaho. Clinton was never married but had a lot of family, some residing in Canada. Clinton drove his mom and Aunt Sue, along with two nieces, Dorothy (sis) and Jazmine, to attend their annual Yellow Wolf Pow Wow.

Clinton has one brother, Shane Barnhouse, of St. Ignatius, Mont., and one sister, Mary Johnson, as well as numerous cousins, nieces and nephews.

Most of the time you could find Clinton fishing on the river, which was his passion, and how he made a living by selling fish. He traveled with his hunting partner, Vern Bogar, from Toppenish, Wash., to Yellowstone, to hunt Bison. He taught his nieces and nephews how to hunt and fish as well. Clinton is preceded in death by many members of his Broncheau and Canadian family. He is survived by his mom Dorothy (Sam) Hudson of Peck, and sister Mary (Rich) Johnson of Kamiah; nephew Mathew Lerandau, niece Dorothy Baker, niece Jazmine Johnson and nephew Ahla Johnson (Cinuest Keisha Kruger) and the Shawl family from Clarkston.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m., Friday, April 14, at Northfork Presbyterian Church, where he was also baptized, and burial will follow at the Ahsahka Cemetery, with dinner following at the Teweeppuu Center, in Orofino. Head cooks will be Amanda Lopez and Amanda Samuels. Covered dishes can be dropped off anytime in the morning on the day of the service.

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## **Marc Antony Whitman**

Marc Antony Whitman was born February 28, 1960 to Carmen Payne and Silas Whitman, both of Lapwai, ID. Marc entered into rest on March 28, 2023. He leaves behind a daughter, a large family full of siblings, cousins, nieces, nephews, aunties and uncles—along with an entire community of people who enjoyed and loved his company and conversation.

Marc lived a life of non-stop witty and boisterous humor. Known famously as “Lips” or “Lippy”, Marc’s presence was one of lasting camaraderie, friendship, and teamwork. He was given the Nez Perce name “Chewatotya” as an adult. He began working for the Nez Perce Tribe in the 1980’s as a seasonal employee before working his way into roles with the tribe’s Department of Fisheries Resource Management as a fisheries aide, a production assistant, and various technician classifications. He later transitioned into maintenance work for the Nez Perce Tribe. He served as a dedicated and proud employee for over twenty-five years.

Marc was a lifelong basketball player, but also enjoyed playing golf, baseball, and softball. He loved playing in tournaments around the country in all these sports. Marc has always shared with his family that his greatest pride was having a daughter, Gabriella Whitman. “Gabby” became the new light in his life, and currently lives in Clarkston, WA.

Marc was a storyteller and loved to entertain people with recounts of situations he found amusing about his close friends or family members. His gift was to find the humor in ordinary occurrences, and the meaning and lessons of more trying times. Marc seemed to have an inside joke with almost everyone he knew. He spent time growing up in Boise and Moscow, and graduated from Lapwai High School. Marc’s laughter will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

He is survived by his daughter, parents Carmen Payne and Silas Whitman, siblings Ernie Whitman, Yvette Whitman, Trisha Whitman, Suzanne McAtty, Koni Kinkaid, Braden Parker, Jonelle Yearout, Ezra Whitman, and Roberta Whitman. He is preceded in death by sister Letitia H. Whitman,

Grandmother Nellie Ezekiel Gray, Grandfather Caleb “Tony” Whitman, Grandmother Ermith Cloud, and Grandfather Paul Payne, Sr. An open denomination service was held at 10am on Thursday, March, 30th at the Pineewaus Community Center in Lapwai. Walahsat services will be held sameday from 7pm - 11pm at the Nez Perce Longhouse. A Final 7 Nez Perce Longhouse service will take place the morning of Friday, March 31st with burial to take place at Spalding Cemetery immediately following.

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## Brenda Lee Stevens

On Monday, March 6, 2023, Brenda Lee Stevens, 73, was greeted by her son and ancestors as she passed peacefully surrounded by family. Brenda was a lifelong resident of Arrow Junction, Idaho, and a proud enrolled member of the Nez Perce Tribe. She was born Aug. 5, 1949, to Geneva and William “Bill” Stevens Jr., in Lewiston. Brenda was the third of five children.

Brenda attended Lapwai High School and graduated in 1967 with her sister, Lucinda. She was in band and played the clarinet, she also sang in the school choir and was a part of the drill team. When it came to higher learning, Brenda has been known to say that, “she earned her degree from the school of life,” as her life experiences contributed to her ability to be an understanding and compassionate person.

In June 1972, Brenda and her former husband, George White Sr., welcomed a son, George “Chip” White Jr. into their lives. Brenda had a strong and loving bond with her only child. Sorrowfully, in July 1988, Chip passed away at the age of 16. It brings some comfort to know that Brenda and Chip are reunited.

Brenda was a courageous Nimiipuu woman who dedicated her life to serving her people. She was quoted in the Lewiston Morning Tribune in April 1997, “My priorities are the positive things, to bring my people’s self-esteem up and help them grasp the possibilities life gives them.” Brenda served on the Nez Perce Tribal Executive Committee (NPTEC) for six years from 1989-1992 and 1993-1996. Brenda was also employed at Nez Perce Tribe Fisheries, USDA Food and Nutrition Program and Nez Perce Express II. She devoted nearly 25 years at the Clearwater River Casino in various capacities until she retired in 2022. Throughout Brenda’s career she made lifelong connections with people that would become family to her, she held these connections close to her heart.

It is no surprise that Brenda could drive cross country in a semi-truck, ride a motorcycle, play the catcher position on the Stevens’ Farms softball team and excel in labor-intensive work. “Rod Rod,” as her family called her, was independent, strong willed and wasn’t afraid of difficult tasks. Brenda was skilled in beadwork - each completed piece was remarkable and made with love. She was prideful of her Appaloosa horses and loved to ride. Brenda cherished holiday dinners at her home with her family. We will miss “Chip’s Spaghetti Salad,” a special dish that Brenda would make in memory of her son. We will cherish the memories of Brenda’s distinctive laugh as she terrorized family as they walked through the front door. Many memories were made during these gatherings.

Brenda was preceded in death by her great-grandparents, Lucy (He-Yume-Ta-Yah-Lilt) Types and Nicodemus (He-Yume-Tah-Kah-Lilt); grandparents, Charles and Agnes Ashley-Madsen, William



Nicodemus Stevens Sr. and Mildred Andrews; mother and father, Geneva and Bill; sister, Sharen Stevens; and son, Chip. Brenda is survived by her siblings, Lucinda Perez, Wilhemina Stevens and William Stevens III; children, Justine Miles and Paris “Channing” Leighton; as well as numerous nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

Rosary will be recited at 6 p.m. on Friday, March 10, at Vassar-Rawls Funeral Home in Lewiston. The funeral service will be held at 10 a.m., Saturday, March 11, at the Pi-Nee-Waus in Lapwai.

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## **Michael Joe Ellenwood Jr**

Born 1/08/1973 Passed 2/21/2023

Of Spokane WA

Wife Laura Ellenwood and 6 children

2nd eldest of his children, Michael Joe Ellenwood 3rd proceed him and his Mother Peggy Ellenwood (Assiniboine-Sioux)

Father Michael Joe Ellenwood SR is still living

Services Wednesday March 1, 2023 at 10:00am and will be streamed via YouTube :

Here is where his services will be live

streamed <https://www.youtube.com/live/k8p2vqreuTA?feature=share>

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## **Julia Ann Allman**

January 28, 1939 – February 16, 2023

Julia was born on January 28, 1939 in Lapwai, Idaho to William and Marie Allman. She grew up and attended school in Lapwai, where she became a master baton twirler. Julia loved her childhood and spoke often of her siblings, cousins, and friends and the things they did growing up.

Julia married Norman M. Moses Sr. and they moved to Portland, Oregon. They later moved to Everett, Washington and Fort Duchesne, Utah before moving home to Kamiah, Idaho. Julia and Norman had ten children before their marriage ended in divorce.

Julia bought a house in Clarkston, Washington where she raised her children. Her home was always open to those in need including relatives and friends. In 1978, Julia was in a terrible semi-truck accident that almost took her life. The doctor said that Julia repeatedly said that she needed to go home to her children. Julia later purchased a trucking outfit and moved to Battle Mountain, Nevada to haul iron ore. Afterwards, she moved her business home to the Nez Perce reservation to haul for Poe Asphalt, in Lewiston, Idaho and the surrounding area. From there, Julia moved to Weiser, Idaho to live near her parents. Julia also attended business administration classes at ITT Technical Institute in Boise, Idaho.

Julia had a very giving heart, she loved to take care of those in need. She often gave all that she had if she felt it was needed. In fact, there was a running joke amongst her children not to leave anything at mom's or she'll give it away and then tell you, “It's okay, I'll get you another one.”

It was this loving and caring heart that led Julia to take care of others later in life, including both of her parents and the father of her children, as well as helping to raise numerous grandchildren whom she cared for dearly.

Julia was taught corn husk basket weaving by her maternal grandmother when she was a little girl. Julia was a master weaver and loved to teach anyone willing to learn the art of corn husk weaving. She was a featured artist at the Weavers Teaching Weavers Conference multiple times. Julia taught corn husk weaving for the Northwest Indian College and was hired by other tribes to teach corn husk weaving as a way of preserving her cultural heritage.

Julia was a Traditional Style Dancer. She could make ribbon shirts and wing dresses very quickly and made it look so easy. She was a good seamstress and made a lot of her children's clothes when they were younger. Julia also enjoyed singing and dancing and she was extremely talented at solving puzzles.

Julia loved spending time with her children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, and most recently her great, great grandchildren. She had 10 children, 43 grandchildren, 80 great grandchildren, and three great, great grandchildren with whom she always shared her great sense of humor.

Julia was preceded in death by her paternal grandparents Sam and Rosa (Shangreaux) Allman, maternal grandparents Daniel and Rachel (Penney) Arthur, parents William and Marie (Arthur) Allman, siblings Theodora (Teddi) Picard, William Allman Jr., Alonzo Allman, Sam Allman Sr., Myrtle Allman, her adopted brother Sam Allman Jr., and her children Norman Moses Jr., Ronald Moses, Jean Anne Moose, and Jamie Recio.

She is survived by her siblings Mary Freeman, Francis Ortiz, Ellen (Ali) Brown, Jenny Turner, Paulette Allman, and Pauline Allman Henderson; her children Janette (Jerry) Vantrease, Jerri (Edward) Cowapoo, Gabrielle (Steve) Moses, Elias (Tammy) Moses, Nita "Tweety" Moses, and Ruby Moses.

There will be a memorial service at the PiNeeWaus in Lapwai, Idaho at 6 pm on Sunday, February 19, 2023 and a funeral service also at the PiNeeWaus at 10 am on Monday, February 20, 2023. Afterwards a graveside service and burial will be at the Spalding Cemetery. A dinner and fellowship to follow at the PiNeeWaus.

Flowers may be sent to the PiNeeWaus any time after 4 pm on Sunday or Monday morning before 10 am.

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## **Victor E. Sisson, Jr.**

9/9/1938 — 1/11/2023

Victor E. Sisson Jr., 84, passed away Wednesday, Jan. 11, 2023, at the Emergency Room at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center in Lewiston, with his brother David by his side. Victor was born in 1938 to Anna Mae and Victor Sisson Sr., at the Klamath Agency in Oregon. Mom raised four successful children, and Dad was a Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Fire Control Officer. Victor had three sisters and one brother. Barbara and Phyllis live in Oregon, Helen passed away when she was a baby, and David lives in Cottonwood.

Victor loved the outdoors and nature. When he was 4 years old, he met Richard “Dick” Siemens, and a lifetime of friendship began as they spent many a day hunting ducks, geese, elk and deer. He participated in 4-H and focused on showing his steer. His steer disliked everyone but Victor and his mom said she was glad when he got rid of “that thing.” He excelled at being a Boy Scout and an Eagle Scout and attended many jamborees from Ottawa to southern California, which gave him the opportunity to meet people from across the United States and other countries.

Victor graduated from Chiloquin High School in Oregon and lettered in multiple sports. Being a southpaw had its advantages. He went on to attend Oregon State University and got his bachelor’s degree in forestry. He started his career with the BIA which allowed him to work and explore different locations throughout the west. He eventually took a permanent job at the North Idaho Indian Agency in Lapwai, in 1960. He was in charge of the forestry program on the Nez Perce Reservation and the Coeur d’Alene Reservation. Victor strived to manage the lands to preserve trees for future generations while generating income for the Tribes. From 1960-66, he served in the Air National Guard of Washington which took him to various states.

He continued to hunt and fish in Oregon and always made it home for Thanksgiving. It was the day before Thanksgiving when a duck hunting trip was undertaken. It was below freezing that morning, with thick fog. While crossing Agency Lake near Chiloquin, his small, overloaded aluminum boat sank and settled to the bottom in a shallow area. Everyone had to stand on the seats in hip boots, and Victor decided he would swim to shore for help.

He emptied a gas can and tightened the lid, tied a parachute cord around it and put it over his shoulder so it would float behind him. He stripped down and slid into the freezing water and began his half-mile swim to the shore in the thick fog. He moved the gas can around front and used it for flotation when he needed to rest. Once he got near a dock, he called out for help. A blind woman came out of her house and was able to call for assistance.

Victor was taken to the hospital with hypothermia and one foot never completely recovered. He saved the lives of three people and himself that day.

Victor became good friends with Benjamin “Badge” Arthur and they hunted together for many years. Their friendship continued, with them getting together often. They were on a bowling team that won the Banana Belt tournament one year, with the help of some Lucky Lager. He was involved with various athletic groups. He also helped Badge with his fireworks stand and was in charge of managing the funds and would supply other stands in the Lapwai area. In 1987, Victor married Badge’s sister, Helene McAtty, who had three children — Sonny, Jane and John. Helene passed away in 2019.

Victor enjoyed the people he worked with at the BIA and the Tribal departments. He played Town Team baseball with Bob Sobotta in the early 1960s and served as Bob’s best man at his wedding. When Victor retired from the BIA, he devoted more time to the Sacred Heart Catholic Church and was a devout member. He served on Parish Council and was also a sacristan for the church. He would arrive early and lead the rosary before Mass. He took care of the St. Kateri meeting hall and was the contact to reserve the hall for various groups. He would shovel the sidewalks in the winter and get the church ready for funerals. He helped organize and cook for many of the church fundraisers.

Throughout his life, Victor enjoyed hunting and fishing with family and friends and attending gatherings. He was an excellent marksman, tied his own flies, hiked to high country lakes to fly fish, and continued to hunt waterfowl, deer, elk and moose with Dick. On a trip to the Weitas country, they found an abandoned cat along the road. Since Victor loved animals, he took the cat home and it became known as Weitas Kitty and lived to an old age. Victor could be seen walking his dogs every day ... or as he said, they took him for a walk.

Victor was known as someone who was good-natured, trustworthy and always willing to help others. He assisted people with their electric bills just before their power might be turned off, would help pay others' vet bills, and he cut and hauled firewood for those who needed help. If someone's car broke down or they needed a ride to work, they would call Vic. He was Godfather to many people in Lapwai and enjoyed sharing his knowledge of hunting, fishing and camping life.

He was also known as a trickster and would be the first to throw a snowball or tie someone's coat sleeve in a knot at work.

Victor will be missed and remembered by many. A funeral Mass will be celebrated at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Lapwai at a later date.

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## **Angie Hattie Smith Neaman**

Our treasured Angie started her spiritual journey on January 11, 2023. She was a daughter, a sister, a mother and a grandmother. Her companion of the last nine years, Kent Tampico, lived with Angie in Auburn, Washington. Angie passed away in the company of her Kent in Auburn, Washington. It has taken a bit of time for legal processes to take place so that Angie's final wishes were kept.

Her children have set up a viewing of her urn and a dinner scheduled for Thursday, January 26, 2023, at 3pm at the Wa A Yas in Kamiah, Idaho. And then sometime this coming Spring or Summer, Angie's final wish to have her Ashes spread at Multnomah Falls, Oregon will take place with close family present.

The following is Angie's obituary by her daughter, Ila James:

Angie was born in Lewiston, Idaho to Leona Wapsheli and Joseph Smith, Granddaughter to William and Jane Henry Smith and Leo J. and Angie Amara Wapsheli.

Angie grew up between Kooskia and Kamiah, Idaho with her two siblings Leo and Mary Smith. While growing up her parents made a living working as farm workers throughout Idaho, Washington and neighboring states. Angie, Leo and Mary were able to understand 3 or 4 languages from different families their parents worked with. As a child she played with her siblings in the woodshed, old cars they would climb in with the dogs and mountain trails to follow as her playground.

Catching crawdads, and swimming in the river that ran next to her home. Angie was also active in Traditional pow wow dance. Her regalia she wore was her mother's buckskin dress that was decorated with elk teeth. She won a few positions as Princess. One of those being Looking Glass princess at the age 13.

Throughout her life Angie enjoyed crafting, painting, and drawing. She enjoyed making dream catchers and doing beadwork. Angie loved the arts as well. She enjoyed music, Janis Joplin, Al Green and Aretha Franklin were some of her favorites. Angie also enjoyed movies, her favorites being many of Stephen Kings collection.

Angie made friends everywhere she went. From her time in Idaho as a child, to her much-spent time living and working at Fort Simcoe Job Corps Center in White Swan, Washington, to her travels and adventures throughout her life. She had an infectious laugh, a bright smile, kind heart, a grand Indian sense of humor and sharp wit. She touched the hearts of many.

In the last years of her life she resided in Auburn, Washington with her partner Kent Tampico who loved and adored her, took care of her heart and body through many trials and tribulations and who remained by her side until her passing. He has our love, many thanks and much gratitude.

Angie is survived by her six children Izaak Johnson, Irrin Johnson, Iola Plank, Iona Plank, Ila James, Gerri Joye. Siblings Leo and Lynn Smith, Mary Smith, Joe Jr and Janet Smith, Frank and Anna Smith. Her Grandchildren NaTawna Woodward, Izayah Johnson, Owens Johnson, Dominic Lara, Alex Lara, Sophia Lara. Accompanied by numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and great grandchildren.

Cremation Services are in care of Yahn and Sons Funeral Services in Auburn, Washington Saturday January 21, 2023. The Remembrance dinner and urn viewing will be at the Wa-A'Yas community center in Kamiah, Idaho January 26, 2023 at 3:00 pm.

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## **Corbett Paul Wheeler, Sr.**

Wéele 'ilp'ilp (Red River)

Wéele 'ilp'ilp (Red River) also known as Corbett Paul Wheeler, Sr., passed away on January 19, 2023, he was 80 year old.

Corbett was born on October 15, 1942 to Wallace William Wheeler also known as See a kun 'ilp 'ilp (Red Scout) and Miriam Betsy (Corbett) Wheeler in Kamiah, Idaho.

Wallace and Betsy raised their children, Corbett, Ida Ann, Jeannie, Harry, and Melvin at Lapwai.

When Corbett was 10 years old their mother suddenly passed and he did his best as the first born to take care of his siblings in a loving way. His siblings remember him holding them and comforting them that day and throughout the night.

As a child he loved spending time with his Alet and Kalutsa (Ida and Harry Wheeler) in Stites. He enjoyed riding horses and sweating with his Kalutsa. He also loved spending time with his Kotsa and Peluka Paul and Lydia Corbett at the village in East Kamiah.

He loved sharing stories about his younger brother Johnny Parks, who passed in 1996. He missed him very much. Corbett's brother Harry always referred to him as his "hero" and he looked up to his big brother. Melvin shared of a time he ran away from home when he was 15 years old, and it was Corbett that came to find him in Lewiston and bring him home. Ida Ann shared that Corbett took her

and her first born son Adrian “Sonny” Moody in and cared for them while she completed her education. Mary shared that Corbett was always comforting them when they were children and into adulthood, and that he always remembered their Mom the most because he was the oldest. He made sure that connection with their beloved Mom stayed alive.

When Corbett’s Dad married his lifelong friend, Mildred “Millie” Penney, he and his siblings gained another sister and brother, Julia Davis-Wheeler and Samuel Paul Davis.

Corbett attended school at Lapwai and he graduated from the Lapwai High School in 1961. He joined the Army National Guard in 1960 through 1964. He was stationed at Ft. Pendleton in California. He was very honored to be a Veteran and partake in the Veteran gatherings and ceremonies. His Dad was a World War II Veteran and his Mom was involved with the VFW activities.

Corbett attended Oregon City Vocational School from 1963 - 1965 and received vocational training for auto body repair and paint. His specialty was painting cars. His son Neil called his painting specialty “Pimp My Ride.” He retired in 2002.

Corbett married Gladys Rich and they lived in Oregon City, for a time. Corbett and Gladys later divorced. In the late 90’s they would reunite and spend many years together in Juliaetta, Idaho.

Corbett met Sara Harrison and they brought two children into this world, Corbett Paul Wheeler, Jr., and Zeena Lexi Leigh Wheeler. They lived in Oregon City. They later separated.

In 1972 Corbett met Merrilyn Sue Williams. When they were preparing to get married, they met with Dr. Cook, who was the director of the Happy Canyon, under the bucking shoots at the Pendleton Round Up—it was required back then for a doctor to sign off on the marriage certificate. Let’R Buck! They married in Stanfield, Oregon and brought two boys into this world, Paul Barry Wheeler and Neil Elliott Wheeler. They also raised Jeffrey Todd Williams as their very own. He and Sue took in children through foster care. They also took care of their own siblings in their time of need. They made their home in Portland, Oregon. Together they opened a family, Native owned business in the City of Portland and named it “Corbett’s Auto Body & Repair.” Little did they realize that their shop would also become a place of ministry to many, to help, uplift, and encourage others. Sue would always tell Corbett there must be a sign under the freeway in Portland that says “During Difficult Times, If You Ever Need Help - Go To Corbett Wheeler’s Auto Body & Repair.” He was a father figure to many in the Portland community that needed help. Corbett loved his Father-in-law the late Don Williams and his Mother-in-law the late Toni Williams very much, he always held a special place in his heart for them and their family. Corbett and Sue divorced in 1993 and always maintained a close friendship and continued to parent their children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren together. In Corbett’s final chapter of life, Sue would assist his caretakers, Neil and Renita Wheeler, with caring for Corbett.

Corbett enjoyed sports. He followed the Dallas Cowboys, the Portland Trailblazers, and the Lapwai Wildcats. He also played basketball in school and in his adult life. He enjoyed traveling to and playing in many Old Timer Indian Basketball Tournaments as well as the annual family tournament at Nixyaawii.

His faith life was big. He would never want credit nor to share of any work he has done. He fully understood he was simply a servant to his Creator God and he felt he was doing work unto Him.

He grew up at First Indian Presbyterian Church, where his Mom and Dad were married and where he was baptized. He also served as a Trustee. He attended First Church and Northfork Presbyterian Church and Talmaks Camp Meeting his entire life. He was ordained as an Elder at Northfork in 1997. He thrived spiritually in all of these church communities. He would share that his Mom's family, the Corbett family was from First Church in Kamiah and his Dad's family, the Wheeler family was from Northfork Church in Ahsahka.

He was elected as the Moderator of the six Nez Perce Presbyterian Churches Joint Session, a position he excelled at and held for more than a decade.

In 2008 on the afternoon of the annual Christmas Eve service, Northfork Presbyterian Church burned down. The congregation gathered in the nearby parking lot, held hands and formed a circle to pray. Shortly thereafter, Corbett had this energy and zeal to begin building a new church. Countless people were involved from many churches near and far and from other countries. The Nez Perce Tribe also supported this effort. Corbett was an influential spearhead on moving this forward at a rapid pace. Corbett had a gift of bringing people and entities together to collaborate, begin, and complete projects. This was one of them. The dedication service in the new church would take place eight months after it burned to the ground. Corbett is the kind of person that would give the credit to the prayers of the people being heard and answered. God used him as a mighty instrument to complete this project.

He was elected to serve on the Native American Consulting Committee ("NACC") and served as Moderator and as an at-large member of the National NACC. He traveled near and far on behalf of Native American churches. He served with Rev. Ron McKinney who shared that Corbett "was a servant of the Lord. A true humble leader of great stature." He also served on the Synod of Self Development of People for six years, two years as the Moderator.

Corbett was a major part of the Native American Presbyterian Men's group. He would use his own van to take a group of men and travel cross country to attend many conferences. He was especially overjoyed when his son Neil would travel with him and the men's group.

He traveled to Guatemala with the Presbyterian Church several times with various delegations. He shared that this journey was "life changing" for him and his friends in Guatemala.

He enjoyed growing and receiving training with many others from tribes all across the country at Cook School for Christian Leadership in Tempe, Arizona. He attended a conference at Chief Ministries which equips strong Native leadership for the development of the Native Indigenous church. He served on the Committee on Ministry with the Presbytery Inland Northwest representing our Native churches; and he served on the Talmaks Association Board. He was a part of the On Eagles Wings local ministry and served with the Prayer Warrior group to pray together and learn and sing the Nez Perce hymns.

The Nez Perce tribal elders voted for him to receive the Elder of the Year Award along with his first cousin Essie Carter.

His first cousin Loretta Sobotta shared that at the end of Corbett's life, even with his diagnosis of dementia/Alzheimers, that "he was still Corbett, he was still kind." This is a great reminder that no matter the illness our loved ones are called to endure, they are still our family and deserve to be cared for in a loving and respectful manner.

As it was on an evening in 1963, when his Kalutsa Harry Wheeler passed—it was so the evening of January 19, 2023 when Corbett passed—the coyotes howled long, as if in mourning for these Nez Perce Warriors.

Corbett is survived by his siblings Ida Ann Wheeler, Mary “Jeannie” Strong, Harry Wheeler, Sr., (Serena), Melvin Wheeler, Sr., (Louise), Julia Davis-Wheeler (Al). His sons Corbett Paul Wheeler, Jr., (Crystal), Paul Barry Wheeler (Cheryl Nevaquaya), Neil Elliott Wheeler (Renita), and daughter Zeena Lexi Leigh Wheeler (Jason). He has fourteen grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his many nieces and nephews and all that loved him.

He was preceded in death by his parents Wallace and Betsy (Corbett) Wheeler. His siblings Wallace Wheeler, Jr., Baby Wheeler, John Parks, and Sam Davis. His paternal grandparents Harry and Ida Wheeler, and his maternal grandparents Paul and Lydia Corbett.

A Memorial Service will be held on Tuesday, January 24, 2023 at 6:00 p.m., at Northfork Presbyterian Church in Ahsahka, Idaho. The Rev. Tom Sutherland will lead this service and Elder Jeff Guillory will preside. Lightning Creek Drum will begin the going home services for Corbett with an honor song inside the church. Corbett and his siblings loved and revered their great-grandfather, Timothy James whose Nez Perce name is See a kun ‘ilp ‘ilp (Red Scout) who was a boy in the 1877 Flight of the Nez Perce.

Corbett and his siblings remember as children seeing and listening to their great-grandpa Timothy singing old songs with his hand drum. They carry this in their hearts and in their spirit. Corbett always shared that he wished he would have learned the songs. This is the reason Corbett’s service will begin with drumming and singing—A longing of his heart.

A Funeral will be held on Wednesday, January 25, 2023, at 10:00 a.m., at First Indian Presbyterian Church in Kamiah, Idaho. The Rev. Mark Khloe will lead this service and CRE Volkhard Graf will preside.

The burial will take place in the First Indian Presbyterian Church cemetery. He will be placed to rest by his Dad. The Rev. Dr. Mary Jane Miles will conduct the graveside service and Veteran Wilfred “Scotty” Scott will lead the Military Funeral Honors.

All are welcome to join in a meal and fellowship after the burial at Nikisse Hall. Clarice Villavicencio is the head cook.

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## **Kyle Lee McAtty**

Kyle Lee McAtty, of Lewiston, passed away peacefully at home Sunday, Jan. 8, 2023, surrounded by family and friends. Kyle was 38 years old, born June 11, 1984, in Lewiston to Walter “Nim” McAtty and Teri Sampson Littleman.

He grew up in Clarkston, creating many lifelong friendships and spending a lot of time at Grandma



Sophia's. He was very close to his Grandma Sophia and family would call him her "baby." Being one of the younger brothers, his older brothers Chiefy and Junior liked to terrorize him, but all six brothers were very close. Many times they would call him as he was always willing to defend them. The love of his life was his dog, Chubbs, as they were inseparable. Kyle loved music, writing beats, playing pool and swimming in the rivers. He received his Indian name, Piikun lepit (two rivers) by his aunt and uncle, Katsy and Randy Jackson. He was very proud of that name.

One of his other proudest moments was when he met John Stockton after beating his son in a game at Spokane Hoopfest. Kyle was a very loving uncle to his nieces and nephews, where he created a special bond with each. Kyle made his home in Lewiston with his girlfriend, Erin Johns and her daughter Daisy. They enjoyed their time together, especially at Kyle's family gatherings. He will be truly missed by his family and friends.

Kyle is survived by his mom and stepdad, Teri and Art Littleman; his brothers Benjamin Sampson, David (Kinnadee) Samuels, Wesley (Janie) Sampson; aunts and uncles, Violet Nanpooya and Dave Bunting, Becky LaCourse, Tana and Tuss Bill, Edward Cowapoo, Adrian McAtty, Suzanne McAtty; and all his beloved cousins, nieces and nephews.

Kyle is preceded in death by his dad, Walter McAtty Sr.; his brothers Maurice McAtty and Walter McAtty Jr.; his maternal grandparents Melvin Sampson and Joanne Nanpooya; great-grandparents Edward and Sophia Nanpooya; his paternal grandparents Walter and Laveda McAtty; great-grandparents Abel and Stella McAtty, Eddie James and Clara Scott.

A memorial service will be held at 6 p.m. today at the Pi-Nee-Waus Community Center in Lapwai. His funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Pi-Nee-Waus and burial will follow at the Spalding Cemetery.

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## **Harold Douglas "Papa Skip" Williamson**

Harold Douglas "Papa Skip" Williamson was born in his grandmother's home near Whiskey Creek, Idaho, to Viola LaRae (Powaukee) and John Buck Williamson, Aug. 17, 1939. He was raised with his brothers Brooklyn and Merle Powaukee and "the baby" Robert "Coon" Williamson by his grandparents and great-grandparents on the family ranch in Webb. Skip's early days were spent exploring the streams, creeks, rivers, valleys and hills near the family ranch and a homestead near Ahsahka. During this particular time, he and his brothers were raised by their great-grandparents, who spoke very little English. His grandpa Amos Powaukee showed him and his brothers many places that were significant to family and the Nimiipuu way of life. Papa Skip would often tell stories about the closeness of his brothers and the many nights the family would listen to the battery-powered AM radio and how "that damn Coon and Merle would make us laugh, and we all would get whipped."

As his mother and father were out of the area fulfilling their patriotic duties during World War II, Papa Skip would be raised with his aforementioned siblings for the majority of his early years. As he entered high school, he would attend Ferdinand High, home of the mighty Eagles. Papa and his Uncle Richard "Saucer" Powaukee lived in a small house in Ferdinand during this time. Saucer was a teacher and coach, and he brought his nephew to help fill out his team. During this time, Papa Skip

would develop a lifelong connection to his Uncle and Aunt Katherine (Red Heart) Powaukee. He lived periodically with his aunt and uncle at the family home near Chaweektah. He would often tell stories about his younger siblings, Butchie, Bud Ox, Sis, Wook and Chris Lee. He graduated Lapwai High in 1959.

In the Spring of 1960, Papa Skip married his high school sweetheart, Shirley Ann Presnell. They had two daughters, Shelly Compton (husband Steve and their sons Sean and Seth) and Teri Hayes (daughters Cierra and Carley). Papa Skip and Shirley would participate in the “Indian Relocation Act,” and the family would make a home in Portland, Ore.

Papa Skip entered the rodeo circuit when he was 26 or 27 years old. Papa traveled the country with his right-hand man, Tom (Thomas) Red Heart. Papa rode bulls and saddle bronc, bareback, and won several buckles, none of which he kept (dang buckle bunnies). Papa traveled the rodeo circuit, riding in the Calgary Stampede, Cheyenne Frontier Days and even the Madison Square Garden to name a few.

In 1970, he married Bonnie Lou Sommerlott. They had a daughter, Katherine Michelle Williamson, Sept. 3, 1972. During that time, they resided in Lewiston.

In 1973, Papa Skip married Patricia Mae Smathers. Patty had two children from a previous marriage (Victor and Shannon Barber), whom he loved and raised as his own. Eventually, Patty had two boys, John (Lisa) and (sons Courtney Dozier, Nigele, Kayden and Brooklyn and daughters Lekisha and Nia Williamson) and Thomas Lee (Crickett) and (sons Tyler, Theo, Amos, Willis and Herschel and daughter Karee Williamson), even though doctors had told Papa that he would never be able to have children as a result of bull riding accident.

Papa Skip worked in several places over the course of his life, but his true passion was working with youth. In the mid '70s to the early '90s, Papa Skip coached football, basketball and baseball, while working at the Lapwai High School as a Truancy Officer. Papa Skip loved getting the most out of his players, often teasing them by calling them “honey and/or doll.” Over the course of his coaching career, he wasn't concerned with his teams' wins and loss records, choosing instead to focus on the individual improvement of his players. Papa would often say to his sons (who would later become coaches as well) “if you're just teaching kids how to play a game, you're missing the point.”

No matter where Papa Skip worked, he brought his own unique style of acknowledging people wherever he went. He had a way of making everyone feel special with an extra deep hug or a flash of that signature smile. Papa had a way of making you feel like he was waiting to see you all day. He loved to make people laugh and wherever he was (which usually wasn't hard to find because of his laugh), he was often known to be the center of attention.

Over the course of his life, Papa took in numerous children. In this way, Laurie Bob McMasters (husband Jon) and Amelia “Meems” Spaulding.

Papa Skip spent the last few years of his life living with his sister Alexes (Jinx) Baptiste at her home in Lapwai. Papa and Gramma Jinx had a very unique relationship, that if you didn't know any better, you would swear they were mortal enemies. At the time of his passing, he was surrounded by his children, grandchildren and his sister, who refused to leave his side.

Papa Skip is survived by his sister Alexes, brothers Philip (Kathy), Adrian and Craig “Smokey”

Taylor. He is also survived by his eight children, 26 grandchildren and 27 great-grandchildren.

A nondenominational service will be held at 10 a.m., Monday, Jan. 9, at the Pi-nee-waus Community Center in Lapwai. A dinner will follow the ceremony at the same location.

In lieu of flowers, donations will be accepted for a future memorial scholarship for Skip. Contact Shelly Compton at [sacompton26@hotmail.com](mailto:sacompton26@hotmail.com).

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## **Billy Daniel Henry**

Billy Daniel Henry, Saxlatamo KucKuc (Little Wise Owl) completed his life's journey and went home to the Creator on Saturday, Dec. 31, 2022, with his beloved family by his side.

Billy was born Aug. 15, 1944, to Francis D. Henry and Edwina (Taylor) Henry in Lewiston. Billy was a proud enrolled member of the Nez Perce Tribe.

Billy grew up in Lapwai, where he attended Lapwai schools and graduated in 1962. He attended Lewis-Clark Business School and obtained an accounting degree.

Billy married Marilyn Johnson in 1962, at Asotin; they later divorced. Billy married Donna Mathews on April 3, 1967, and she survives at the family home.

Billy lived a fulfilling life, in which he accomplished many great and wonderful things. He worked at ATK (formerly known as Omark and Blount) and after a lengthy illness that set him back, he retired after serving 32 years. It wasn't long into retirement that he started work for the Nez Perce Tribal Enterprises and Nez Perce Tribe Fisheries department — although his employment was brief, he joined his beloved brother the late Elmer Crowe on many of his travels and adventures of lecturing and educating others about the importance of our way of life and the return of the Lamprey. He enjoyed and had a love of the outdoors, spending years as an avid hunter and fisherman, being a provider for his family and exercising his treaty rights. He enjoyed spending time with his children traveling the Pacific Northwest and Canada traveling the powwow trail. He was a well-known horseman raising horses on his family ranch at Alpowa and participated in the Nez Perce trail ride for many years.

Billy is survived by his wife, Donna Henry; his daughters Arleen Henry and Dawn (Cisco) Henry, of Lapwai, Debbie (Cyrus) Henry, of Toppenish, Wash., Jamie (Jon) Garner, of Boise, Tracee Holt, of Spokane, and Michelle Healy, of Lewiston; his sister Kelly (Aqeel) Ahmed, of the country of Bahrain; and his brother-in-law Marcus "Moose" Mathews, of Post Falls. Billy lives on through his 28 grandchildren, 44 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, Francis and Edwina Henry; sons Anthony Henry, Billy Henry Jr. and Adam Mathews, daughter Adrienne Henry; brothers, Kenny Henry and Gary Henry; granddaughters Rainbow Henry, Amber Lee Henry and Charisse Holt; his paternal grandparents, Joseph Henry and Sophie Broncheau; his great-grandparents Nobel Henry and Ten-Ne-Kam-Ne, Joseph Broncheau Sr., and Iah-Tow-La-Lote; his maternal grandparents, the late William Burt Taylor and Nora Pearl Myers; and his great-grandparents William M. Taylor and Allidee Lydia Henry.

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# Loretta Taylor

Loretta Taylor died early Friday morning, Dec. 9, 2022, from a heart attack. Loretta was born in Lewiston on Nov. 28, 1957, to Ernest Roy and Gladys Taylor.

The love of Loretta's life were her children, grandchildren and great-grandchild, but she shared companionship with the father of her children, Oliver Jackson Jr., and later Michael Lopez.

Loretta lived in Lewiston, Clarkston, Craigmont, Portland, Ore., Salem, Ore., Bellingham, Wash., and Blaine, Wash.

Loretta's education consists of a certificate of professional development in promotional strategies for the gaming industry from the University of Nevada; a Bachelor of Science in management technology from Lewis-Clark State College; and a certificate of accounts clerk from Lewis-Clark State College.

She worked many jobs but worked for the Clearwater River Casino for more than 25 years as the promotions and marketing manager. She worked as a strawberry picker, mushroom picker, forklift driver, combine driver, pit boss, seamstress, camp crew, loan officer, upward bound counselor, C-store manager and many others. She also owned Jive Time Java coffee shop in Lewiston. Loretta retired as a collections officer from the Lewiston Tribune.

Loretta liked shopping, reading, dancing, bicycling and sitting pool-side with her grandkids. She didn't like to drink but there was the rumored quest for the perfect margarita. Loretta loved going to powwows, traditional dancing, weaving yarn bags and making shawls.

Loretta was preceded in death by her parents, her brother Albert Taylor and her sister Elizabeth Taylor. She is survived by her siblings Violet "Lou" (Ciel) Crossman, Bruce (Nora) Taylor, Shirley "Ernie" Taylor, Bert (Linda) Taylor and Bill (Marcelle) Taylor; her children Daniel Jackson Sr., Alexander (Rebecca) Jackson and Angela Jackson; her grandchildren Carolyn, Daniel Jr., Jarron, Alius, Alexander, Avery, Isabel, Taylie and Grace; and one great-granddaughter, Olive.

Loretta Sue Taylor services will be nondenominational combined memorial and funeral service at 11 a.m. today, Tuesday, Dec. 13, at the Pi-Nee-Waus Community Center, 504 Main St., Lapwai. The head cook is Jasmine Higheagle. Donations toward funeral expenses may be made at PIFCU under "Donation for Loretta Taylor" or [gofund.me/618e62e5](https://gofund.me/618e62e5).

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# Marguerite Faye 'Foo-Foo' Werner

Marguerite Faye "Foo-Foo" Werner, 84, completed her life's journey and went home to the Creator on Saturday, Dec. 10, 2022, surrounded by her beloved family.

Faye was born March 4, 1938, to William Albert Johnson Sr. and Lucy Hill in Lewiston. She was an enrolled member of the Confederated Tribes of Colville Reservation: Chief Joseph Band of the Nez Perce. Faye was a beloved mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, aunt and friend.

Faye grew up in Lapwai, where she attended and graduated from Lapwai High School, Class of 1957, where she enjoyed school activities with her friends. In her younger years, Faye was a majorette for Lapwai High School. She had a lifelong love of the outdoors and being a provider for her family. She enjoyed spending time beading, planting flowers, camping, reading books and sending cards to anyone she came in contact with. Faye had a love for her whole family near and far. She had the gift of being a good listener. Faye had a strong love of Pow-Wow traditions and very strong love of her Native blood. She danced until her health declined and she could not be on the floor with her family. She continued to be front and center on the side enjoying the music and dancers. Faye lived a fulfilling life, during which she accomplished many great and wonderful things.

Faye married Douglas Ankeny on July 13, 1963, and shared their daughter, Marguerite “Maggie” Lucy Ankeny. They later divorced. She later met and married the love of her life, Mark Werner, on Aug. 11, 1989.

Faye started working as the secretary at the St. Joseph Mission up until they closed the school. She was a housewife for a moment then started working full-time at the Bureau of Indian Affairs, where her final title was education specialist and she retired at the age of 55. Faye and Mark purchased a very large fifth-wheel and began their snowbird years to Arizona every winter for 18 years. Traveling to Arizona and visiting with their snowbird friends was one of their biggest joys, but they had to return home full-time because of Mark’s declining health, and she continued caring for him up until his passing at the family home.

Faye is survived by her daughter, Marguerite “Maggie” (Kip Reed) Ankeny, and lives on through all of her grandchildren, Douglas (Pauline) Bisbee, Bandon (Tasha) Bisbee and Jerry (Alicia) McCormack Jr. She is also survived by her great-grandchildren, Brandon Jr., Cobi, Shaylee, Krisalyn, Heewekse, Latamo, Arreis, Karvehl, Haven, Bisbee and Jereese and Jerardi McCormack, and great-great-grandson Gabriel Bisbee, all of Lapwai. She is also survived by her sisters, Donna Peterson, of Los Angeles, and Barbara Wheeler, of Webb, Idaho.

Faye was preceded in death by her husband, Mark Werner; parents William Albert Johnson Sr. and Lucy Hill; her brother, William “Chief” Johnson Jr.; and her sisters, Dorothy Ezekiel and Claire Johnson.

A private dressing ceremony and viewing will be held at the Nez Perce Longhouse at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 13, with Walusut Services at 7 p.m. Sunrise Services will begin at 7 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 14, with final resting place and burial at Webb Cemetery.

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## **Dewayne Kenneth Ellenwood Sr., 77**

Dewayne Kenneth Ellenwood Sr. was born July 7, 1945, in Martinez, Calif., to Audrey “Ordie” Lessor and Donald Jody Ellenwood. His Creator called him home to join the ancestors Saturday, Dec. 3, 2022.

Dewayne, a citizen of the Nez Perce Tribe, is a descendant of Old Chief Joseph. Dewayne enjoyed a lifetime of being a trickster and filled those around him with much joy and laughter.

He is a graduate of Andrew P. Hill High School in San Jose, Calif., where he met his first wife, Roberta Staiti. They were married from Feb. 19, 1963, to April 30, 1970, and their union brought three sons (Kenneth, Donald and Dewayne Jr. Ellenwood) and a daughter (Catherine Ellenwood). Their marriage later ended in divorce.

Dewayne married the love of his life, Annie Amy Ellenwood, on Dec. 24, 1971. They referred to each other as Lover and got their wedding bands to reflect this unison. Their union brought two sons (Darryll and Travis Ellenwood) and a daughter (Cheryl Ellenwood).

Dewayne's love for basketball built a network of Indian basketball players who would carry him to basketball tournaments across Indian reservations throughout the West Coast. For decades, there wasn't an Indian in the city or reservation who couldn't be tricked by Dewayne's famous under-the-hoop move, where he put the ball between his legs.

Throughout his life, Dewayne was a man of many trades. He first attended welding school through the BIA and continued to hone his craft wherever he was. At one point, Dewayne sold pizza from the Wa-A'Yas Community Center kitchen. By the 1980s, he was an iron worker walking high rise buildings in Los Angeles. By the 1990s, he was a skilled welder who wielded his torch throughout the Bay Area, from FMC to Westinghouse, where he worked on nuclear submarines including the Seawolf. Upon returning to his homelands of Kamiah in the 1990s, Dewayne welded throughout the Pacific Northwest including working for TERO and rebuilding bridges in Kooskia, Kamiah and Cherry Lane. In his later years, he worked on dam shutdowns, including Dworshak, Grand Coulee, Ice Harbor, Little Goose, among many others along the Snake and Columbia rivers.

Dewayne loved his family and children. In California, Dewayne enjoyed attending the basketball and baseball games of his sons Kenny, Donald, Dewayne Jr. and Darryll. In Idaho, though his work required much travel, Dewayne eagerly traveled back to Kamiah anxious to see his son and daughter play sports. He held a deep love for his family and often built custom porches and other projects for his mother and his wife.

Dewayne was also a fancy dancer and later a traditional dancer who traveled to powwows in the West. Dewayne entered the powwow circle with the generosity of those around him and he continued that generosity by supporting others who wanted to dance. Dewayne made colorful fancy bustles for himself and all his sons. He made many friends on the powwow circuit whom he would cherish into his later life. Above all, Lookingglass Powwow was his favorite and he enjoyed the closeness of the community and circle.

For Dewayne, basketball continued to be life well into his 40s, 50s and 60s. He played with other local legends such as Wendell Davis, Leroy Seth, Albert Pinkham Jr., Jesse Curry, Kub Ellenwood, John Strombeck and countless others. To keep young, he continued playing at open gyms in Kamiah and Kooskia, where the local young bucks were introduced to his famous move. His love of the game was also evident in his support for local high school ballers on the reservation.

Dewayne enjoyed exercising his sovereign treaty rights in usual and accustomed places to hunt, gather and dig roots with his sons, grandsons and friends on his homelands.

His favorite teams were the Kamiah Kubs, Oakland A's, Gonzaga basketball and he recently enjoyed attending Raider games with his brother.

Dewayne was a trickster and could make anyone smile with his humor. He generously shared his oral traditions with anyone. His specialty was sharing tall tales with such detail and energy that one might not know if they were true or not. To this day, no one knows what happened to his finger.

After completing his journey to the spirit world, Dewayne will be greeted by his parents; his sister Betty Hardridge; his sons Kenneth and Darryll Ellenwood; and his daughter Catherine Ellenwood. He will also rejoin his wife and “Lover,” Annie Amy Ellenwood — reuniting just in time to celebrate their 51st wedding anniversary on Christmas Eve.

Dewayne’s legacy will continue within his sons (Dewayne Jr., Donald and Travis Ellenwood) and daughter Cheryl Ellenwood. He is also survived by his brother Chester Jr. and Terri Lessor. In Ellenwood tradition, Dewayne is survived by his grandsons (Ryan, Joshua, Dakota, Jayden, Codey, Korbin, Candyn, Austin, Lorenzo, Awan, and Moses as well as Teo Castro and Luca Castro) and granddaughters (Sarah Kempner, Amanda Ellenwood, and Quyntz Ellenwood). And many great-grandchildren, nephews and nieces, all of whom he loved immensely.

Dewayne danced throughout his lifetime, and he is now dancing fast and fancy to the beat of the drum, with his lover Amy at his side.

A memorial service will be conducted at 6 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 8, at Wa-A’Yas Community Center in Kamiah, with the Rev. Mary Jane Miles officiating. A wake will occur until the funeral service. The funeral services will be conducted at 10 a.m. Friday, Dec. 9, at the Wa-A’Yas Community Center. Burial will be at the Nez Perce Tribal cemetery on No Kidd Lane in Kamiah. A dinner will follow at the Wa-A’Yas and all his family and friends are welcome. Although not required, it is appreciated that those who attend wear masks at the services.

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## **Marjorie Hayes**

Marjorie “Midge” Debora Pablo Hayes, a lifelong Kamiah resident, died Monday, Nov. 28, 2022, at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center in Lewiston. Midge was a member of the Nez Perce Tribe. She was 91.

Midge was born in Kamiah on Nov. 2, 1931, to Sam J. Pablo and Tennie Frank Pablo. Her parents passed away one month apart when Midge and her siblings were teenagers.

Midge married Eugene Broncheau and they had three children together, Karen, Errol and Charles “Chucky.” They later divorced.

She married Chester “Chuck” Bullock and they had six children together, Renee, Tina, Kimberley, Errol, Cynthia and Michael. They later divorced.

In her later life, she married Charles “Pete” Hayes. Pete passed away during their marriage. She and Pete adopted their grandson, Dominick Keith Bullock, and loved him dearly every day of their lives.

She was a cook for the Nez Perce Tribe’s Headstart and Senior Citizen programs. She eventually worked at the It’se Ye-Ye Casino from the day it opened until 2010 when she retired. She was a technician but also liked to assist customers in other capacities. She loved to visit with customers,

and many became lifelong friends.

Midge had a large family and spent as much time as possible with them. She went on family trips to Montana, California, Hawaii, Utah, New Mexico and elsewhere. She loved to travel and with a large family inviting her along allowed her to stay busy throughout retirement.

Midge loved her church and church gatherings. She attended Talmaks Church Camp every year and traveled to Arizona for Pima Camp meeting when she was able. She participated with her church as a missionary and traveled to Guatemala to help others. She would have loved to have made one more trip to Guatemala before her passing, she felt that she belonged there. She was often teased that she loved to travel there because the people made her feel tall. Mom and Pete were active members of the First Indian Presbyterian Church. They taught Bible study and Sunday school when their assistance was needed. They loved their church and church family.

Midge was one of those people who never met a stranger. Many people called her Mom, Auntie or Grandma. She loved these extended family members very much. The family has received several comments that she truly was their mom.

We all know of her love of the color pink, we're not sure anyone wore it as loud and proud as she did. It was a challenge for her children to find a unique pink item for her gifts each year — she even received pink duct tape for her birthday and owned a pink Bible.

Midge is survived by her children: Renee (Mike), Tina, Kim, Errol and Cindi; her brother Sam Pablo; her 25 grandchildren: Mellisa, Michelle, Ara, Tenaya, Thomas, Kimmie, Stephanie, Costas, Andreas', Martin, Lisa, Errol Jr., Carmen, Riston, Melanee, Raquel, Dominick, Shavon, Morgan, Paige, Charles, Logan, Brandon, Elijah and Aaron; her 43 great-grandchildren: Xavier, Taylor, Brydan, Macen, Genny, Alan, Parker, Ebony, Triston, Adesjia, Keaton, Ilyanna, Elisha, Rylee Jean, Cheyenne, Tristan, Serena, Joaquin, Ernestine, Elicia, KyLynn, Anthony Jr., Eriel, Aura, Alania, Misti, Miles, Austin, Seth, Kee-Ni, Kee-Yeh, Mytaya, Creed, Riston "RJ," Alec "AJ," Qmoni, Tycee, Demetree, Maile, Kaydynse, Hunter, Trinity and Max; and six great-great-grandchildren: Reyna, Mavis, Jenica, Amara, Lilly and Alailah.

There were plans to do her five-generation pictures with her five great-great-grandchildren, but we missed our opportunity because of her quick passing.

Midge is also survived by many nieces and nephews who adored her and she has many friends that are considered her adopted family. Please know she loved you all completely.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her sisters Eleanor and Patricia, her children Errol Robinson, Chucky Broncheau and Michael Bullock, and her grandchildren, Rose Marie Broncheau, Elisha Stanton, Alan Robinson, Adilynn "Adi" Bullock and Isaiah Webb.

Mom, Grandma, Grandma Midge, Auntie Midge, Pinkie, etc., will be missed tremendously by all who knew and loved her. She was always telling us that she is prepared to go and asked us not to cry when her time came. She would tell us that she had a good, long life and we should be happy. We're trying to honor her wishes but she was such a large presence with her larger-than-life personality, orneriness and compassion, we hope she understands if we cannot quite follow this order. Family are sharing recordings of her voice just to hear the sound we all loved and wish we had recorded more. From our family to yours, please record your loved ones' voices; the recordings are precious, and



hearing your loved ones' voices after they have left is a gift to cherish.

All who knew and loved her dearly will never forget her endless love, smile, care and concern, compassion, ability to find everyone something at a thrift store they didn't need, and her ability to love life.

Please join us in celebrating Midge's life. The memorial was at 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 2, at the Wa-A'Yas Community Center in Kamiah. The funeral will be at 10 a.m. today at the First Indian Presbyterian Church, in Kamiah, with burial to follow at First Indian Presbyterian Church Cemetery. Dinner will follow burial at the Wa-A'Yas Community Center.

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## **Ronald Wilbur Oatman**

August 14, 1934 – November 14, 2022

Ronald W. Oatman, Saaqantayx'ese Weheyqt (Eagle Claw Necklace), was born August 14, 1934, in Kamiah, ID, to Pe-tsak-kin (James) and Jane Allen Oatman. The Lord called him home on November 14th, 2022, with his wife and his family by his side.

Ron is a member of the Nez Perce Tribe. He is one of the last remaining fluent Nez Perce speakers. Ron is a direct descendant of Old Chief Looking Glass through his father, James Oatman, and a direct descendant of Chief Timothy through his mother, Jane Allen Oatman.

He and his wife, Lois Samuels, were married June 11, 1958, and lived in Kamiah. They celebrated their 64th wedding anniversary on June 11, 2022.

He went to school until the 10th grade but did not graduate from High School. Nonetheless, education was very important to him and he never stopped learning throughout his life. He excelled in sports, especially golf, photography, planning for retirement, and he loved to read. Many of these he passed on to his children and grandchildren. He was a well-respected man for the wisdom and knowledge he possessed. Ron had a had a strong work ethic and learned this from his father, James Oatman. His father, James would tell Ron, that if you get paid a dollar, you must work for that dollar. Ron was a feared fighter with tremendous strength. From his youth to adulthood, he would do thousands of push-ups, sit-ups, pull-ups and other exercises on a daily basis. He would often hike on the railroad tracks from Kooskia or Greer to Kamiah. He was a warrior who stood up for his family, his people and his treaty rights.

Ron served in the U.S. Army during Korean War, from 1953 to 1956. While he arrived too late to fight in the war, serving in the Army was something he was passionate about, just like his older brother Marcus Oatman whom he respected.

Mr. Oatman worked at PFI Mill in Kamiah and later at the Potlatch Mill in Lewiston. After he retired from the mill, he went on to work 12 years for the United States Fish and Wildlife Service at the Dworshak National Fish Hatchery. Ron worked as a fish culturist and he helped raise and release spring Chinook and steelhead. While there he earned the "Bone Crusher Award," for cleaning over 10,000 fish ponds. He was one of the original members of the Nez Perce Tribe Fish and Wildlife Commission that was established in 1997. The Commission helps set fishing and hunting seasons for Nez Perce tribal members.

Ron Oatman enjoyed traveling and visiting with family & friends. Ron cherished going to the mountains and the rivers. He loved to hunt, fish, and gather, at all the usual and accustomed places. Ron fished locally in the Clearwater River, Rapid River, Selway River, South Fork Salmon River, and the Snake River, among other areas traditionally used by the Nez Perce. Many times he would fight along these river banks against those who tried to say he had no rights to fish those areas. Ron traveled great distance to fish for salmon, like Celilo Falls and Neah Bay, located on Makah Indian Reservation. Mr. Oatman was instrumental with helping the Nez Perce Tribe secure its water rights through the Snake River Basin Adjudication proceeding. He was also a sought-after speaker over his lifetime, in many forums, events, and panels, to represent tribal fishing rights and convey the important connection of fish and fishing to the Nez Perce people.

He loved the game of golf and made many friends throughout the Pacific Northwest. He regularly won at Indian golf tournaments. Each year, Ron would host the annual family golf tourney that was held in memory of his late son, Wilber P. Oatman. He recorded two 'hole-in-one's' over his time playing the game, a rare feat for any golfer. He was not only known only for his golf skills, but for his wit and his ability to have a good time with people on the golf course through his humor and the way he played the game. Throughout the past few months of his life, he would tell his family that he wanted to get well so he could play golf one last time and tell people about Jesus.

Ron enjoyed watching his kids, grandkids, and great-grandkids play sports. He attended many grade school and high school sporting events. He also enjoyed watching other Nez Perce athletes that excelled in their sport of choice.

One of his greatest achievements and purpose in life was to teach his family and others about God and the Lord Jesus Christ. That was central to who he was and what he lived for. He was a faithful servant, this bible verse sums up his good works on this earth – "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith" 2 Timothy 4:7 KJV.

Ron was preceded in death by his parents; three sisters (Lillian Oatman Major, Beatrice Oatman Miles, Loda Oatman Sublett); four brothers (Charlie Oatman, Everett Oatman, Sr., Marcus Oatman, Sr., and Cecil Oatman); two sons (Wilber and Ronald C. Oatman), and grandchildren James R. Oatman, Jr., Roni A. Brisbois, and Pauline Walker Hoptowit. He is survived by his wife, Lois Oatman, of Kamiah; daughters Jennifer Oatman of Kamiah, Paula Moody (A. Moody) of Culdesac, Idaho, and Linda Walker of Kamiah, Idaho, and son James R. Oatman, and his wife Teresa Oatman, of Kamiah. He has 16 grandchildren and 27 great-grandchildren all of whom he dearly loved. A memorial service will be conducted at 6-8 pm, on Friday, November 18th at Nikissa Hall on U.S. Highway 12, East Kamiah, with Volkhart Graf officiating. The funeral services will be conducted at 10 am, Saturday, November 19th at the Life Center Church also on U.S. Highway 12 in Kamiah with Kelly Lineberry officiating. Burial will be at the Nez Perce Tribal cemetery on No Kid Lane in Kamiah. A dinner will follow at Nikissa Hall at the First Indian Presbyterian Church and all his family and friends are welcome to attend.

The head cook will be the Northfork Presbyterian Women. Main contact is Lori Picard.

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# Kathleen Cherylita Pierre

Kathleen “Kathy” Cherylita Pierre, of Lapwai, passed away surrounded by family and friends Friday, Nov. 4, 2022. Kathy was fighting a difficult battle with pancreatic cancer and her health quickly declined over the course of the last few weeks.

Kathy was born in Shiprock, N.M., to Wallace and Mary Buck on Sept. 2, 1949. She was an enrolled member of the Navajo Nation and was of Pueblo decent. She was born from the Tachii’nii (Red running into the water) clan and understood the Navajo language well. She attended Shiprock Schools in New Mexico.

Kathy was a hard worker and worked various positions until she became employed with Schwab’s Screw Machine Shop where she retired. Kathy was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Lapwai.

Kathy married the love of her life, Melvin (Cooly) Scott Pierre, in Alameda, Calif., on Sept. 3, 1974. They started their family and lived in Lapwai on the Nez Perce Reservation. They had four children, Carmalita, Travis, Cherylita and Melveena.

Kathy spent most of her free time finding yard sales, thrifting and crafting. She was a great beader, sewer and weaver, and enjoyed visiting and sharing her crafts with the Nez Perce elders at the Nez Perce Tribe Senior Citizens building. Kathy loved spending time with family and friends gathering roots, berries and tea in the mountains. Above all, she enjoyed Bigfoot and was excited to meet the cast and crew members of the show “Finding Bigfoot.” Kathy was also an avid sports fan and rooted for the Lapwai Wildcats and the Washington State University Cougars.

Kathy will be missed dearly by her family and friends. She will forever be remembered by her beautiful smile and laugh, her humor and her fierce approach to life. She was most proud of her 14 grandchildren as she was their biggest supporter and always celebrated all of their accomplishments in life.

Kathy is survived by her brothers, Frank, Wallace and Herbert Buck, all of Shiprock; her children, Carmalita (Gabriel) Bohnce, of Lapwai; son Travis Pierre, of Montana; Cherylita (Joseph) Pierre, of Yelm, Wash., and Melveena Pierre, of Washington; her 14 grandchildren, Cecilia, Evelyn, Lucinda and Christopher Bohnce, Loretta and Salacia Stanley, Angelene Alexie, Dontez Perry, Travis Jr., Eneasa, Tyler, Emmalyn, Marceliena and Rayden Pierre; and one great-granddaughter on the way. She loved her children and grandchildren very much.

Kathy is preceded in death by her husband, Melvin Pierre; her parents, Wallace and Mary Buck; and her siblings Nora Gibson, Jonah Buck, Annabel Jones and Harrison Buck.

A Mass will be celebrated at 1 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 10, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 205 Birch Ave. E., Lapwai. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Nov. 11, at Malcom’s Brower-Wann Funeral Home, 1711 18th St., Lewiston, and a dinner will follow at the church’s St. Kateri Hall in Lapwai. Funeral arrangements and cremation are provided by Malcom’s Brower-Wann Funeral Home.

The family of Kathy wishes to extend our sincere appreciation to all medical providers who assisted with her care.

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## **Emmanuel Ja'el Williams**

Emmanuel Ja'el Williams, also known to us as Manni, Amari Nolen, Tèvon Davis, Bluu & many more..

Emmanuel Ja'el Williams 23 of Lapwai, passed away Thursday October 20, 2022 in Vancouver WA. Emmanuel was born June 13th 1999 to Stephanie George and Paul Williams. He was a member of the Nez Perce Tribe and he attended Lapwai High School.

He was an outspoken adventurous individual who had zero boundaries for anything in life. His smile would brighten anyone's day he was around, he was a comedian who kept everyone around him full of laughter. Anyone who knew him, knew his love was the true definition of unconditional love.

One of his many talents included dancing. He was obsessed with Chris brown and was sure to showcase that in his many styles of dance. He was also a musical mastermind he made many songs and aspired to be an artist one day. Everything he did he made it art.

He loved his family deeply and is survived by mother Stephanie George, father Paul Williams Sr, brothers; Paul Williams Jr, Alijah Williams, Demetrius George, Ozzie George, Mathew Cash and Isaac Williams, Sisters; Ivy Huff, Janeiva George, Tenia George and Ayeonna Williams.

Services will held Saturday October 29, 2022 from 9:00am-12:00pm at the Pineewaus Community Center. Dinner will follow services from 1:00pm-4:00pm. Gabriel McClinton will officiate the service.

Alexis Polk is the Head Cook.

From family & friends; Thank you for sharing life with Emmanuel, we love you endlessly.