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Obituaries

Elmer Manatowa Jr.

Former Principal Chief Elmer Manatowa, Jr. was born February 6, 1933 and passed on Saturday, April 28, 2012 at the age of 79.

He served two terms as Principal Chief of the Sac and Fox Nation, once in the 70's and again in the 1990's.

His Indian name was "Ba Ko Sha". He was of the Underwater Panther clan, also known as the Beaver clan.

Traditional funeral services were held Monday, April 30, 2012 at 6:00 pm at the Sac and Fox Nation Traditional building.

Morning meal was 8:00 am at the SFN Traditional building, Tuesday, May 1, 2012 with burial following at the Sac and Fox Nation cemetery.



Elmer Manatowa Jr.

Charles John Miles II

Charles John Miles II, 79, was born November 24, 1932 in Shawnee, Oklahoma to Pauline Baker Miles and Charles John Miles. He died Friday April 27, 2012 at his home in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

He grew up in Shawnee, Oklahoma. In 1944 they moved to Excelsior, near Cromwell, Oklahoma for the safety of the children during a polio epidemic. While living in Excelsior, he and his siblings played in the creeks, walked across the creek on pipes from oil wells, swung from trees, rode horses, drove wagons, herded free range cattle, & pretended to be Tarzan.

He attended Shawnee High School and Bacone Indian School in Muskogee, Oklahoma. After completing his junior year, he was called to duty for service in Korea. He trained at Camp Polk, Louisiana and Hokkaido, Japan. In November 1951, he was then transferred to Korea where he fought from December 1951 through May 1952 and then returned home. On May 6, 1952 he and a fellow GI (Ken Knap) were awarded the Bronze Star for removing a burning mortar shell from their ammunition bunker. The Bronze Star certificate reads "for heroism in ground combat near Chungosong, Korea." He was also awarded the Combat Infantry Badge.

After returning from the Korean War, he returned to high school at Haskell Indian School, but then graduated from Bacone Indian School in 1953. After graduation he moved to Tulsa and was employed by Douglas Aircraft. In the fall of 1954 he took college courses at Northeastern State University in Tahlequah. In January of 1955, he returned to Tulsa and continued working at Douglas Aircraft.

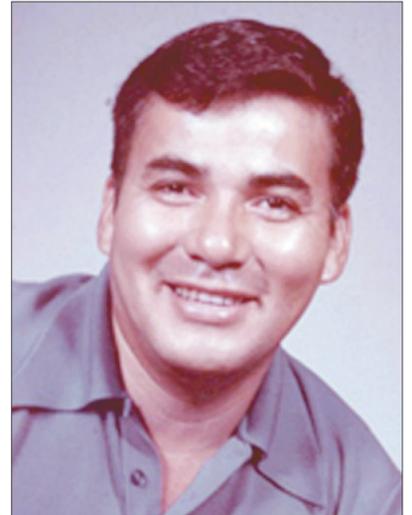
He also took college courses at the University of Tulsa. 1956 was a big year for Charles as he settled into family life. During this year, he married Marie Elkins and started his career at American Airlines, where he continued until his retirement in 1995.

He was a citizen of the Sac and Fox Nation of Oklahoma, where he served on the Tribal Business Committee. He was a loving husband and proud father of Charles John "Chuck" Miles III and Teresa Dianne Miles-Burnham.

He was overjoyed when he became the grandfather of Starla Dawn Passiglia, Arica Lynn Miles, Charles John "CJ" Miles IV, LCpl. Sean Michael Ludewick, USMC, and Gwendolyn Marie Ludewick. He was also very proud to be a great grandfather to Tobe Shane, Jensyn Noel and Gavyn Thomas. Family meant alot to Charles, whether related by blood or "adopted." He made a point to stay close to his parents, his six brothers and three sisters, and their children.

Charles and Marie enjoyed traveling the world, and spent many hours sailing into the sunset as charter members of Tsa-La-Gi Yacht Club at Ft. Gibson Lake. He is survived by his wife, Marie; children: Chuck (wife Amy) and Teresa (husband Steve Burnham); grandchildren: Starla Passiglia (husband Norman Kingsley-Sauer); Arica Miles (fiance Tommy Lane); CJ Miles; Sean Ludewick; Gwendolyn Ludewick; Great-grandchildren: Tobe Shane, Jensyn Noel and Gavyn Thomas. He is also survived by brothers: Jeff Miles and John Miles and sisters: Charlene Given and Mildred Williams; and many more nieces, nephews, and cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents, Charles and Pauline Miles; and brothers: Richard, Jack, Joe and James; and sister, Dolores.

A Memorial service was held at Nick Reynolds Funeral Home, 1916 S. Sheridan, Tulsa, on Friday, May 4, 2012. Memorial contributions can be made in Charles' name to Salvation Army, Nature Conservancy or Habitat For Humanity. This obituary was published in the Tulsa World on 5/3/2012.



Charles John Miles II

Andrew Snake Jr.

Andrew Snake Jr., former resident of Ponca City and current resident of Shawnee, Oklahoma, passed away Wednesday, May 2, 2012 in Oklahoma City. He was 70 years of age.

Andrew was born July 5, 1941 in Pawnee, Oklahoma, the son of Andrew Snake Sr. and Pauline (McClellan) Snake. Andrew was an enrolled member of both the Sac and Fox Nation and Ponca Indian Nation. He was from the Washabe Clan (Buffalo Clan) and his Indian name was Ay'thah'be'lah'd'e which means (startled buffalo runs close to its mother).

He attended McKinley Grade School, East Jr. High, Pawnee Indian School and graduated from Haskell Institute in 1961. He later earned his Associate Degree from Rose State College. Andrew enlisted in the United States Marine Corp on August 8, 1961 and served as a combat veteran during the Vietnam War and Cuban Missile Crisis. He received an honorable discharge from the Marine Corp on July 1, 1965.

After he left the service he became a drug and alcohol counselor and during his years as a counselor had led over 500 people to sobriety. During his spare time Andrew loved making art and crafts and was best known for making tribal drumsticks, aka Snake sticks. He was known for his humorous jokes and the ability of making others laugh.

He is survived by his two brothers, Kenneth Snake of Shawnee and Sam Snake of Tulsa; numerous other family members and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents and one sister, Celeste Snake.

Prayer services were held at 7 p.m. Friday evening, May 4, 2012 at the Ponca Indian Methodist Church with a noon meal served on Saturday, May 5th, the funeral service followed at 2 p.m.. Bro Jimmy White presided over the service. Burial followed in the Ponca Indian Tribal Cemetery under the direction of Grace Memorial Chapel.

Casket bearers were Michael Snake, Thomas Petit, Johnny Poore, Robert Tsoataddle, Danny McKinney and Dean Russell. Honorary casket bearers were Andy Lieb, Andrew Snake, Kenneth Snake, Sam Snake, Kendall Snake, Sam Snake Jr. and Shawn Russell.



Andrew Snake Jr.

Editor Apologizes

As Editor of the Sac and Fox News I would like to apologize to Muriel Wheeler and Diana Campbell for getting their names wrong in the May issue.

Muriel Wheeler serves as the Executive Director of the Sac and Fox Gaming Commission and Diana Campbell was appointed as a new member of the Sauk Business Enterprise Inc.

Sincerely, Ken Johnson Editor Sac and Fox News



Principal Chief George Thurman swears in Diana Campbell as new member of the Sauk Business Enterprise Inc. (submitted photo)

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