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Obituaries

Leon Bloom Wakolee

Leon Bloom Wakolee, 81 went to be with his Lord and Savior on March 6, 2012 at his home in Shawnee, Oklahoma following a long illness.

He was born December 30, 1930 to Cora Wakolee in Gable, Oklahoma. He was raised by his grandparents, Esther and Jackson Wakolee after his mother's untimely death.

Leon attended school at Centerview, OK. He proudly enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1951 where he served his basic training at Ft. Sill, OK before being shipped to Seoul Korea to serve his country in the Korean War. He received the Korean Service Medal H/3 Bronze Service Stars and United Nations Service Medal and was honorable discharged in 1953 and returned to Oklahoma. After a few years, he moved to California where he lived for several years. He worked for McDonald Douglas Aircraft in El Segundo, CA until he decided to return to Oklahoma in 1970. Upon his return he entered Okmulgee Technical College where he earned a degree in upholstery. He worked in that profession for several years. Leon married Carolyn Jane McCool on November 12, 1985. They were married for 23 years. He is preceded in death by his mother Cora and his wife, Carolyn McCool Wakolee. He is survived by his step children, Suzanne Gilbreath, Michelle McCool Michaela Hart and Coleen McCool all of Shawnee and numerous cousins. Leon was a member of the First Indian Baptist Church, a member of the Sac and Fox Nation and member of the Shawnee American Legion Post 16.



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Margaret Rose (Lincoln) Barker

Margaret Rose (Lincoln) Barker, a longtime Cushing resident, passed away at her home on Sunday, March 11, 2012 at the age of 75 years.

Traditional Wake Service was held on Monday evening at 7:00 p.m. at the First Indian Baptist Mission, Cushing, OK, Meeting service was held on Tuesday at the Home of Mary Butler, Interment followed at 2:00 p.m., on Wednesday at Euchee Valley Memorial Park, Cushing, Ok. Arrangements were entrusted to Palmer Marler Funeral Home, Cushing.

The daughter of the late Tom Lincoln and Mary Tsosie Lincoln, Margaret was born on February 18, 1937 in Farmington, NM. She was reared and educated in Arizona, attended St. Michael's Indian Catholic School. In 1968 she moved to Oklahoma where she continued living until her death. Margaret was united in marriage to Everett Barker on August 14, 1978 in Gallup, NM.

In her spare time, she enjoyed cooking, sewing, making shawls and outfits for her grandchildren. Margaret also enjoyed traveling and taking care of her grandchildren and was a Catholic and a member of the Native American Church - Sac & Fox Chapter. She loved watching the Price is Right and was a dedicated listener to Saturday Morning Indian Hour. She also loved playing bingo and taking care of her dog, Peanut.

Survivors include her sons, Van Michael Becenti of Cushing and Roland Dean Barker of Cushing; five daughters, Cora Lou Becenti of Greecewood, AZ, Dora Lou Becenti of Cushing, April Barker of Cushing, and Kylene Barker of Cushing, and Sharon Lincoln of Steamboat, AZ; 16 grandchildren, Shawn, Shawna, Nathaniel, Lorenzo, Donavan, Nina, Michelle, Geoff, Brittany, Lance, Tamika, Thomas, Jason, Franco, Joshlyn, and Eli; 18 great-grandchildren; numerous nieces, nephews, and other relatives and friends.

In addition to her parents, Margaret was preceded in death by her husband, Everett Barker and two daughters, Ellen Lee Barker and Agatha Tsosie.



Margaret Rose (Lincoln) Barker



Loretta Mae Walker

Loretta Mae Walker, 71, of Meeker, died Sunday, March 11, 2012, at her home place. She was born April 29, 1940, in Pawnee to George and Cordellia (Murray) Gibson. Her grandparents were Kirwin and Alice (Faw Faw) Murray.

She attended Red Rock High School. She worked in Home Health. She was a member of the Kickapoo Native American Church and liked to go to Pow-wows. She enjoyed spending time with her grandkids.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Henry B. Walker Sr.; son, Guy Walker; daughter, Mary B. Walker; her parents, and many more.

Survivors include sons, Henry B. Walker Jr. of Iowa and Rowe Kishketon of Shawnee; daughters, Ramona K. Walker of Shawnee, Kimberly M. Walker of Shawnee, Marla J. White of the home, and Karen "JoJo" Roubidoux of Shawnee; sisters, Ruby Logan of Oklahoma City, Wosey Butler of Cushing, Mary Lightfoot of Tulsa, and Georgia Gibson of Lawton; brothers, Bernard Gibson of McLoud and Jimmy Gibson of Perkins; numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and cousins, Frances Grant, Austin Grant Jr., Saginaw Grant and Stella Wilson, Bernadette Huber, Edie Bell, Alice Gover, Mona Falk and Steven Jacobsen.

Tribal rites were held Wednesday, March 14, at Walker Home in Meeker with Forrest Walker officiating. Burial was at Walker Family Cemetery. Walker Funeral Service was in charge of arrangements. To sign the guestbook online, go to www.walkerfuneral.com.



Loretta Mae Walker



Eugene John Poweshiek

Eugene John Poweshiek, 73, of the Meskwaki Settlement in rural Tama, Iowa was born on February 17, 1939 at Sapulpa, Oklahoma, the son of James and Pauline (Whittington) Poweshiek. He passed away on Monday, March 12, 2012 at his home.

He attended Sapulpa High School and later Oklahoma State University Tech. After high school he spent eight years in the U.S. Army. Eugene was a sergeant in the Special Forces and completed four tours in Vietnam from 1961-68. He made handmade boots before retiring in 1980. Preceding him in death were his parents.

Survivors include two sons, Phillip Poweshiek of Sapulpa and Steve Poweshiek of Guthrie; grandchildren Stevie A. (Brandon) Williams, Corey, Natalie, and Zeak Poweshiek; great-grandchildren Aiden and Isabella Williams; brother Horace (Deloris) Poweshiek of Glenpool; sisters Louise Youngbear and Geneva Papakee of Tama, Doris American Horse of West Covina, California, and Marlis Kaniatobe of Alhambra, California; nephew Terry; niece Patricia; great nephew Shaun, and great niece Renae.

Traditional graveside services were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, March 14, 2012 in the Morgan Cemetery in rural Tama, Iowa with Homer Bear, Jr. as the speaker.



Eugene John Poweshiek



George Thurman Principal Chief Sac and Fox Nation (left) swears in Randle Carter as a Grievance Committee Member.

Thank You

Leon Bloom Wakolee

The family and friends of Leon B. Wakolee wish to express our sincere appreciation to those taking part in the final days of Leon's life. I want to thank Valir Hospice for their professional staff in providing his needed care on a daily basis. A special thank you to John Ramirez, a very dear friend of Leon's for all the help he provided in assisting Carol Holmes with feeding, medications and after hour care. Thank you to Beverly Jackson and daughter, Jennifer for helping with the food preparation and a special "Thank You" to Ruth Walker and staff of First Indian Baptist Church in meal preparation for everyone to enjoy.

We also want to thank the Sac and Fox Nation for their continued support and a sincere appreciation to the staff of the Maintenance Department for their help. The Sac and Fox Honor Guard was most appreciated for their outstanding services provided as well as the American Legion, Post 16 for the Memorial Flag.

