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Elmer Manatowa

Former Principal Chief Sac and Fox Nation

The Sac and Fox Nation mourns the passing of one of its former leaders but also celebrates his life and achievements. Elmer Manatowa, Jr., came into the world on February 6, 1933 and left it and a legacy of public service on April 28, 2012. His parents were Elmer, Sr., and Grace Manatowa, who had seven children before Elmer, who was born at the Pawnee Indian Hospital in Pawnee, Oklahoma. They are: sisters Louisa "Igy" Whipkey, Bessie Nelson, Maxine Pequano, Josephine Della Calce, Lucille Dugger, Billie Soby, and brother Joseph Manatowa. His grandparents were George and Laura Grey Eyes Manatowa and Mr. and Mrs. William Dooley.

Sac and Fox children are usually given their Indian names the spring after their birth. Elmer was given the Beaver clan name "Pekwasheka", meaning, "He who comes out of the water and suns himself". The beaver was described by his grandmother as being an Underwater Panther.

He is survived by sons Arlan and Joel and daughter Dee Ann, wife Wanda, and a host of grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Elmer grew up on the Sac and Fox tribal grounds where he would later serve on the Business Committee, first as Committeeman in 1960 and then as Principal Chief from 1965 to 1973 and again from 1987 to 1995. Helping his native people didn't end there - he served as a member of the Housing Authority Board of Commissioners, as the National Congress of American Indians Regional Vice-Chairman, the Oklahoma Indian Affairs Commission Vice-Chairman, the United Tribes of Oklahoma, Texas, and Kansas President and Executive Director, and as a founding member of the National Tribal Leaders Association.

His dedication to native history included sharing a passion for Sac and Fox history with his sister, Igy Whipkey, and supporting the tribal Historic Preservation department. However, he also realized that other tribes have a story to tell, and he served as a member of the American Indian Cultural Center and Museum's Cultural Advisory and Education Committee, helping to direct the museum toward tribal values and aiding in the finalizing of the bill that went to the state legislature. That work continues today.

He also served on the Oklahoma State/Tribal Economic Development Task Force, the Oklahoma Native American Education and Cultural Authority, the Governor's Task Force on Performance of Government, and the University of

Oklahoma American Indian Task Force.

Elmer Manatowa also participated in an historic meeting in 1995. President Bill Clinton met with tribes in the first such meeting and signed two executive orders that reaffirmed tribes' status as independent governments and the other protecting native ceremonial usage of eagle feathers. To mark the occasion the president presented each tribal leader with a peace medal, minted with the image of the sitting president.

Elmer wore that medal when in he was inducted into the Cushing High School Hall of Fame in 2002. He had been a Cushing resident since 1939 and graduated from CHS in 1951 where he was All-State in football. He graduated from Happy Valley Elementary School and Cushing High School. He attended Oklahoma A&M College (now Oklahoma State University) on a football scholarship before sustaining an injury. He went on to graduate from Central State College (now the University of Central Oklahoma) with a Bachelor of Sciences degree in Education and accruing six hours toward a Master's Degree in Education.

Prior to completing his formal education, however, Elmer joined the United States Army in 1954, serving active duty in Korea until receiving an honorable discharge in 1956. The VFW, of which he was a member, honored him for dedicated service.

In 1963 he was named one of "Oklahoma's Outstanding Young Men", spon-



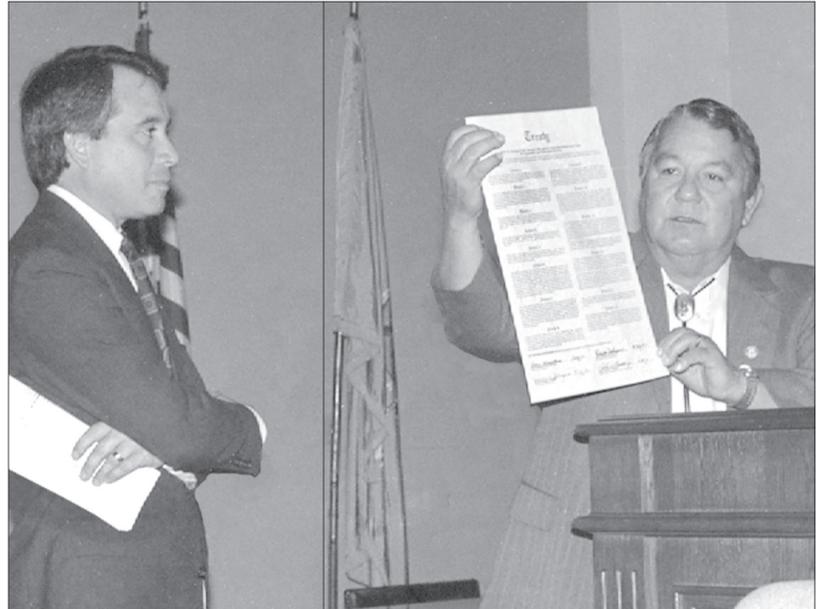
Elmer Manatowa
"Pekwasheka"

sored by the Cushing Jaycees.

He worked at the Midland Cooperative Refinery from 1958 to 1977, when he took the position of Mid-Region Petroleum Company Vice-President. In 1979 he helped to form Petrol Products, Inc. and worked there until 1982 when the company was sold. He worked for WMI, Inc. and as a private consultant until 1987 when public duty once again tapped him on the shoulder and he was elected as Principal Chief of the Sac and Fox Nation.

In his public and private works he strove to provide, as he stated in an interview with the Sac and Fox News in 1993, "services to the people and to provide opportunities for the quality of life."

As Mahatma Gandhi said (in Arun Gandhi Shares the Mahatma's Message), and as Elmer exhibited in his life, "We need to be the change we wish to see in the world."



Then Principal Chief of the Sac and Fox Nation, Elmer Manatowa holds aloft the Law Enforcement Cross Deputization Agreement which is still in effect today while Governor David Walters Watches. (Photo Sac and Fox News)

Obituaries

Mattie Louise Cloud

Mattie Louise Cloud, daughter of Claude and Irene (Cannalis) Longshore was born June 21, 1934 in Marble City, Oklahoma and departed this life to be with our Lord on August 4, 2012 in Stilwell, Oklahoma at the age of 78 years, 1 month and 14 days.

She married Henry Cloud on June 18, 1954 and to this union 6 children were born. She was a homemaker who enjoyed the duties that followed her role of being a very loving wife, mother and grandmother to her family. She enjoyed cooking and spending time with her family especially her grandchildren. She was baptized on October 11, 1998 at the First Assembly of God Church in Bunch.

Mattie was preceded in death by her parents; Claude and Irene Longshore, her husband; Henry Cloud, 2 sons; Henry Jay Cloud and Darrell Cloud, 6 brothers; Cedro, Frankie, Everett, Joe, George and Luther, 5 sisters; Mary, Juanita, Helen, Lucille and Pearl.

She is survived by a very loving family that includes her children; Brenda Brown and husband Rick of Stilwell, OK, Debbie Kimble and husband Gary of Cookson, OK, Tommy Cloud and wife Kaylene of Stilwell, OK, Harold Cloud and companion Mary of Tahlequah, OK, 11 grandchildren; Rickie Brown Jr., Brandee Jo Brown, LeAnn Rogers, Kerry Kimble, Lindsey Jo Cloud, Paige Nicole Cloud, Chelsea Lea Cloud, Kendall Cloud, Hayden Cloud, Jaylene Cloud and Kristen Grayson, 5 great grandchildren; Talon Brown, Chloe Price, Anthony Cole Williams, Drake Breuklander and Knoxley Rogers, 3 brothers; Claude Longshore Jr. and wife Mary of Yucca Valley, CA, Leroy Longshore of Stilwell, OK, and Ferrell Longshore of Bunch, OK, 2 very special nieces; Judy Simmons and Shirley Garrison, several nieces, nephews, other relatives and many friends also survive her.

Funeral services were 2 pm on Tuesday, August 7, 2012 at Roberts/Reed-Culver Chapel with Bro. Azle Loyd and Pastor Max Ford officiating. Interment followed at Bunch Cemetery.



Mattie Louise Cloud

Riley Earl Poodry

Riley Earl Poodry of Fullerton, California, passed away at the age of 74 on Saturday, August 11, 2012

Viewing was 5-9:00 pm, with funeral service at 7:00 pm on Monday, August 13, 2012 with Military Honors being Presented by The United States Army. Services were held at the Renaker-Klockgether Mortuary, 7651 Commonwealth, Buena Park, California. Private family burial was at the Riverside National Cemetery, Riverside, California.

He is survived by wife Sharon, daughters Renee Steele, Jenelle Jellsey, brother Daryl Poodry, sisters Barbara Poodry, Nancy Poodry, 7 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by parents Earl Poodry and Connie Schumaker. Riley will be missed by many and be forever in our hearts.



Riley Earl Poodry