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## Obituaries

### Elizabeth Exendine

Elizabeth Exendine was born in Avery, Oklahoma on December 15, 1925 and departed this life in Stroud, Oklahoma on Friday, March 29, 2013 at the age of 87 years.

Elizabeth was the daughter of Fred and Amelia (Gokey) Grant. She was a resident of Stroud for the past 30 years. She was a member of the Gloryland Baptist Church and worked as a Health Care Worker. Elizabeth married Oliver Exendine in 1963 and he preceded her in death. She was also preceded in death by her parents, 2 sons, 3 brothers and 5 sisters. Survivors include Two Sons, Curtis Grant of Shawnee, OK, Shawn Exendine of Binger, OK, Five Daughters, Tammy Grant of Shawnee, OK, Carla Mann of Shawnee, OK, Sandra Exendine of Stroud, OK, Sylvia Exendine of Pawnee, OK, Tina Exendine of Tulsa, OK, Twenty Four Grandchildren, Numerous Great Grandchildren and other relatives and friends.

Wake service was held at the Sac & Fox Community Center Sunday, March 31, 2013 at 7:00 P.M. with Brother Don Tiger officiating. Burial was at the Sac & Fox Cemetery on Monday, April 1, 2013 at 10:00 A.M. under the direction of Parks Brothers Funeral Service, Stroud, Oklahoma.



Elizabeth Exendine

### Ronald Maurice Bemo Jr.

Meeker resident Ronald Maurice Bemo Jr., 37, passed away on April 2, 2013 in Shawnee, OK. He was born on September 11, 1975 in Shawnee, OK to Ronald Maurice Bemo Sr. & Jennie Kay (Tofpi) Bemo. He attended Meeker and Shawnee Schools. He was an enrolled member of the Sac & Fox Nation but also of Kiowa, Seminole, Pawnee, and Otoe descent. His hobbies included spending time with his kids, watching movies, exploring any and all avenues of music (particularly the guitar and piano), drawing, reading, and dancing.

Ronald Jr. was preceded in death by paternal grandmother Matilda "Tillie" Grass, maternal grandparents Harry L. Tofpi Sr. and Jessie (Rice) Tofpi, uncle Harry L. Tofpi Jr., and aunt Loa Dru Tofpi.

Ronald Jr. is survived by his daughter Angel Bemo and son Trey Bemo of the home; his parents of Meeker, brothers Billy Bemo of Tecumseh and Michael Deer of Shawnee, sister Kay Bemo of Shawnee, uncles Bob Bemo of Oklahoma City and Todd Anderson-Tofpi of Meeker; aunts Jimmie Tofpi of Shawnee, Lawanda Abraham and Jean Tharp of Norman; nephews Jay Bemo, Darian Bemo, and Oske Bemo-Bell all of Shawnee, and many extended family and friends.

Services were held the evening of April 4, 2013 following a dinner at 6:00 PM at the Sac & Fox Nation Community Building. Graveside services were held the morning of April 5, 2013 following a meal at 8:00AM at the Sac & Fox Nation Tribal Cemetery.

### David Lee "Buddy" Wakolee, Jr.

David Lee "Buddy" Wakolee, Jr., 61, of Shawnee, passed away Tuesday, March 26 at his residence. Tribal Rites were Thursday evening at the Catherine Walker home (34501 Moccasin Trail). Burial was Friday morning at Wakolee Cemetery.

David Lee "Buddy" Wakolee, Jr. was born June 25, 1951 in San Bernardino, CA the son of David Wakolee and Mildred (Little Creek) Switch. He attended Riverside Indian School in Anadarko, OK. He worked in construction. Buddy served in the United States Army as a Medic in Korea. He was a member of the Native American Church, Kickapoo Chapter. He enjoyed doing headwork, attending Pow wows, and watching sports. He was preceded in death by his parents.

He is survived by: 6 Children: Regina Wakolee of San Antonio, TX, Crystal Wakolee of Topeka, KS, Bryan Wakolee of McLoud, Andrea Wakolee of McLoud, Brandon Wakolee of Shawnee, Christopher Wakolee of Henrietta, OK; 2 Adopted Sons: Michael Logan of NA, John Menor of CA; 8 Grandchildren; 10 Siblings: Beverly Bemo of Shawnee, Rosemary Smith of Shawnee, Karin Wakolee of Shawnee, Frank Wakolee of Mesa, AZ, Rowena Wakolee of Shawnee, Kathleen Logan of Shawnee, Jerry Wakolee of Shawnee, Garry Wakolee of Shawnee, Sam, Martinez of Flagstaff, AZ, Erica Martinez of McLoud; and numerous nieces, nephews, and other family and friends.



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### Marjorie Ama Black Roane

Marjorie Ama Black Roane, 73, went to be with her Lord and Savior on April 22, 2013 in her home in Norman, Oklahoma. The funeral was held at the First Baptist Church of Norman on Friday, April 26th with the interment following at IOOF Cemetery in Norman, OK. She was born to the late Amos and Marie Black on October 24, 1939 in Pawnee, Oklahoma. Marjorie graduated from Cushing High School in 1958, attended Oklahoma State University, and received her Law degree from William Mitchell College of Law in St. Paul, Minnesota in 1985. She married the late Samuel Roane in 1959, and they lived together in Lakeville, Minnesota before returning home to reside in Norman, Oklahoma in 2000. She was very dedicated to her family, especially her son Samuel and granddaughter Iris. Marjorie practiced law in both Minnesota and Oklahoma for over 25 years. She was an active member of the Sac and Fox Nation, serving on many positions including being the chairperson of the committee which constructed a nondenominational Christian Chapel for use by the members. She was active with numerous volunteer organizations, including serving as a Trustee for the Science Museum of Minnesota, the board of directors for the Hubert Humphrey Institute, Board Member for the St. Paul Chapter of the Red Cross, Member of the Alumni Boards for William Mitchell College of Law and Metropolitan State University, Board Member for the Amherst Wilder Foundation and active participant in the Assistance League of Norman. Marjorie was preceded in death by her husband Samuel and her parents, Amos and Marie. Marjorie is survived by her son Samuel Houston Roane, Jr. and granddaughter Iris of Minneapolis, Minnesota; her brother, Amos Black III of Anadarko; sister Mary Osborne of Ponca City; nephews David Johnson & his wife Susan, Tim Johnson, Josh Black & his wife Amy, Eli Johnson, Levi Johnson & his sons Gabriel, Elijah, and Jeremiah, Robert Roane, Rhonda Roane, Gerald Spotts, Cheryl Ponder, and Deborah Spotts. Arrangements for Marjorie and her family were placed in the care of the Vice family at the Havenbrook Funeral Home of Norman, Oklahoma.



Marjorie Ama Black Roane

### William Judson Whistler

William Whistler died on April 21, 2013 after a short illness. There was a service held in his honor at 1:30 on Saturday, April 27th at Inverness Village in Tulsa. William Judson Whistler was born October 9, 1928 in Oklahoma City to Don Whistler and Alice York Whistler; he was the second of their five children.

In July of 1946, having not yet graduated from high school, he joined the army to take advantage of the G.I. bill. He was discharged just before Thanksgiving in 1947 and enrolled at the University of Oklahoma.

In August 1950 he was called back into the army to serve in the Korean War. He went to Ft. Sill and was enrolled in Officer Candidate School. His father died in June of 1951 which precipitated his return from a tour of duty in Korea to help at home. He was discharged in November 1951.

Without benefit of a high school or university diploma, he enrolled in the University of Oklahoma, College of Law. While at law school he was the associate editor of the Law Review, on the honor council, and was the chairman of the honor counsel his senior year. He was the president of his law fraternity, Phi Alpha Delta. He graduated from law school in June 1955 and joined Robert L. Cox as a collection attorney.

He married Orcella Ford on January 7, 1956. In June, of that year, they moved to Vinita where he joined a private law practice. Teresa, Christine, and William Gregory were all born there.

In 1967 he ran for and was elected as Associate District Judge of Craig County and in 1974 as District Judge of the 12th Judicial District. While District Judge, he was elected as District Judge of the Northeastern Section of Oklahoma which included seven counties in northeastern Oklahoma. He served on the Judicial Counsel for Southern Oklahoma and two terms on the Court of the Judiciary including two years on the Appellate Court of the Judiciary. During his years on the bench he tried many cases, with and without a jury, including one death sentence and the famous Gene Leroy Hart Case. He retired in 1991. He lived at Inverness Village where he was a regular at the bridge table and played competitive pool.

He is survived by his wife, Orcella and his daughters and their spouses, Teresa Whistler and David Adair and Christine and Steve Savage. His two grandchildren were both married in the fall, they are Ford and Deidra Savage and Meredith and Clark Thomas.