

## Sac and Fox News

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## Obituaries

### Ricky Wayne "Bones" Deatherage Sr.

Ricky Wayne "Bones" Deatherage, Sr., 51, of Tecumseh, passed away Saturday, December 29, 2012 at his home. He was born July 19, 1961 to Ted and LaDon (O'Brien) Hale in Shawnee, Oklahoma. Ricky was raised in Texas and Oklahoma. He has lived in Tecumseh for the last 4 years.

He worked as a Mig Welder and a Lineman for Texhoma Powerline and ELS Electrical Line Service. Ricky enjoyed riding motorcycles, playing the Guitar and spending time with his nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents; and one brother, Teddy Hale.

Ricky is survived by his mother, LaDon Hale, Tecumseh; father, Ted Hale, of Kingston, OK; daughter, Kimberly Deatherage, of Aurora, CO; 2 sons, Ricky Wayne Deatherage, Jr., of Pauls Valley, OK and Robert Paul Deatherage, of Wahiawa, Hawaii; 4 sisters, Terri and Rob Branson, of Shawnee, Kelly and Brett Buchanan, of San Antonio, TX, Cheryl and Steve Murdock, of Tecumseh and Angela and Brian Murdock, of McLoud; brother, Dusty and Amber Hale, Rowlett, TX; several grandchildren; numerous nieces, nephews and other extended family and friends.

Service was held Thursday, January 3, 2013 at Cooper Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor Brad Wood of Kickapoo Friends Center, McLoud, Oklahoma officiating. Burial followed at Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Cooper Funeral Home of Tecumseh.



Ricky Wayne "Bones" Deatherage, Sr

### William Robinson "Rob" McIlvaine Jr.

Writer, singer, filmmaker, artist, William Robinson "Rob" McIlvaine, Jr., died on Tuesday, July 17, after suffering complications as a result of liver disease. He was 64. He was born at Chester County Hospital in 1948 and graduated from West Chester Henderson High School in 1966. Rob spent most his life alternating between the home where he was raised in Exton, Pennsylvania and his various assignments in the Washington, D.C. area. He served in both the United States Merchant Marines and the United States Navy. His Navy service as a hospital corpsman and operating room technician took him to Japan during the Vietnam War where he met and married the love of his life, Tomi Yamamoto McIlvaine. Upon returning from his overseas tour, he attended West Chester University and graduated Cum Laude with a B.A. in Studio Art and Creative Writing in 1980. He then attended American University and earned an M.A. in Film and TV Production and Directing. His career spanned the full breadth of his artistic passions. In the 1980s he served as a consultant to The World Bank on print, video, and radio production. He taught English and Mass Media at Delaware County Community College. Later he served as the Executive Editor of the Coatesville Record, Village News, and Tri County Press. Beginning in the late 1990s he served as a Producer, Writer, Director, and Production Manager for Accent Media Productions, Inc. He was an Executive Producer of Video at the National Museum of the American Indian from 2003-2004 and can be seen briefly in a video at the entrance to the museum. He then served as a Writer/Editor for the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Wildlife Services until 2008. In 2008 he became a Senior Information Specialist in Public Affairs with the U.S. Army's Family, Morale, Welfare, and Recreation Command. His last position was as a Writer/Editor with Defense Media Activities, writing stories for the Army News Service and Soldiers Magazine. Throughout his career, he composed music, taught guitar, and painted portraits both professionally and for pleasure. Rob was the life of any party. He was a gourmet cook and entertainer. He could tell a great story or whip out his guitar and sing to a crowd. His home is filled with his paintings, carvings, and many other signs of his artistic passions. He will be remembered for his booming laughter, his inability to watch a movie without criticizing the editing, and his fondness for casual attire, but mostly for his boundless love and commitment to his family. He was the recipient of many awards including the National Defense Service Medal, Telly Awards in Film and Video, Cine Golden Eagles, an Aurora, an award for his work with the USDA on the Avian Influenza Virus, and numerous certificates of achievement for writing and editing.

Rob was preceded in death by his father, "Bill" McIlvaine. He is survived by his wife Tomi of 41 years, his sons, Brian and Shane, his daughter, Dina, his mother, Louise McIlvaine, his sister, former State Representative Barbara McIlvaine Smith, and his adored granddaughters, Lana and Keira. An informal memorial service was held at 1 p.m. on Sunday, July 22nd at the family home, 105 S. Whitford Rd., Exton, PA 19341. As per Rob's request, donations can be made to his granddaughters' college funds in the name of Lana Gibson McIlvaine and Keira Gibson McIlvaine, and made payable to NC 529 Plan and sent to NC 529 Plan, P.O. Box 40877, Raleigh, NC 27629-0877. To send online condolences, visit [www.jamesterryfuneralhome.com](http://www.jamesterryfuneralhome.com).



William Robinson 'Rob' McIlvaine Jr.

### Linda Louise Littleton

Linda Louise Littleton, age 60 of Tecumseh, passed away Friday, January 11, 2013 in Midwest City, Oklahoma. She was born on July 30, 1952 in Shawnee, Oklahoma to Clevie "Mayborn" and Helen Jane (Gokey) Littleton.

Linda was raised in the Tecumseh area most of her life and she attended first and second grade in the same year in Harjo Schools. At the age sixteen, she graduated with the honor of being the Valedictorian of Tecumseh High School in 1969. She attended college at Oklahoma State University.

Linda started her working career at the age of thirteen for Lloyds Café in Tecumseh. She worked as a Human Resources Specialist for The United States Postal Service for 36 years. The National Postal Service Headquarters requested that she come to Washington D.C. to help redesign National Training Manuals. Upon successful completion of this project, she was offered a permanent position at Headquarters. She declined the offer in order to stay with family and friends in Oklahoma.

Her love for her family and friends was evident in the way she lived her life. Even though Linda was a single mother, her daughter was blessed by all of the sacrifices she made for her family. She enjoyed spending time with her family and grandkids, loved OU football, OKC Thunder, reading and writing poetry. Linda was a gifted public speaker. She was a role model to all who knew her.

She was preceded in death by her father; Clevie "Mayborn" Littleton. Those left to cherish her memory are her mother; Helen Jane Gokey Littleton of Tecumseh, a daughter and son-in-law; Crystal Renee Littleton and Robert James of Stroud, grandchildren; Wyatt and Mattie James of Stroud, brothers and sister-in law; Ike Littleton of Tecumseh, Blaine and Sheila Littleton of Meeker, sisters and brother-in-law; Donna Littleton of Tecumseh, Tami and Ron Klisiewicz of Shawnee, nieces and nephews; Ashley, Brandy, Sara, Clay, and Shaun, and numerous other friends and extended family.

A visitation was held Monday, January 14 and services were Tuesday, January 15, 2013 at Cooper Funeral Home Chapel with Burl Mackey, pastor of First Baptist Church of Stroud officiating. Burial followed at Tecumseh Cemetery under the direction of Cooper Funeral Home of Tecumseh.

## Sac and Fox Nation

### Veterans

### Organization

### Meeting

February 12, 2013

5:00 pm

Elders Bldg

Stroud

Always on the 2nd

Tuesday of each month

unless otherwise posted

## Hear My Voice



## NATIVE AMERICAN CRUSADE

JANUARY 9, 10, 11, 2013

Iowa Tribe Pow-wow Grounds (Chena Building), Perkins, OK

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 9

THURSDAY JANUARY 10

FRIDAY JANUARY 11

MUSIC DIRECTOR

Jay Mule

BEN LITTLE

TOMMY MORRIS

DELANA DEERE

EVANGELIST

PASTOR SALATEESKA BAPTIST CHURCH

EVANGELIST

MUSIC DIR CORNERSTONE INDIAN

CHOCTAW

ABSENTEE SHAWNEE

SAC & FOX

BAPTIST CHURCH

ABSENTEE SHAWNEE/PONCA

**SUPPER SERVED - EVERYONE WELCOME - 7 PM NIGHTLY**

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