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Obituaries

Gerald Dean Bushyhead

Gerald Dean Bushyhead, 74, an Elder with the Sac and Fox Nation, passed away Thursday, June 18, at his home in Tulsa.

Graveside services were held Monday, June 22, in Jay, Oklahoma. Internment was at the Duffield Cemetery. Gerald's grandson, the Reverend Matthew D. Franks, pastor of the Locust Grove First United Methodist Church presided over the service.

Gerald was born on April 13, 1941 in Jay, Oklahoma, the son of the late Gordon Bushyhead and Fannie Harris. Gerald attended Stanley Schools, Allison Junior High and West High School in Wichita, Kansas. Gerald married Patricia Doramus on August 15, 1958 in Wichita, Kansas. Gerald retired from Aerospace Industry after 44 years of service.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and brother Norman Bushyhead. Gerald is survived by his wife Patricia of the home, one daughter Pam Bushyhead of Miami, Oklahoma and her husband Monty Franks; three sons: Dennis Bushyhead and his wife Debbie of Chouteau, Oklahoma, Dave Bushyhead and his wife Robin of Skiatook, Oklahoma and Mike Bushyhead and his wife Kendra of Tulsa; two sisters Barbara Harshberger of Wichita, Kansas and Marilyn Kindsvatter and her husband Kent of Wichita, Kansas; 10 grandchildren; 13 great grandchildren.

In lue of flowers the family ask that you donate in memory of Gerald to Wounded Warrior or First United Methodist Church of Locust Grove or the Alzheimer's Foundation of America at alzfdn.org.



Gerald Dean Bushyhead

Emma Grace Harjo

Emma Grace Harjo, 72 of Sapulpa went to be with the Lord on Wednesday, May 27, 2015 at Hillcrest Medical Center, Tulsa, OK. She was born on February 3, 1943 in Oklahoma City, OK to Carl and Laura (Ceasar) Butler. She was a homemaker. She was of the Baptist faith. She loved going to the casino, fishing, and enjoyed spending time with family.

She is survived by 5 children and 4 step-children, Billie Lugo, Wilber Lunsford, Donald Lunsford, Edmon Jacob Alexander, Jr., Sandra Harjo, Wynona Harjo, Gary Harjo, Reuben Harjo, Jr., and Scotty Harjo; sister, Oresa Wilson.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Carl and Laura Butler. Wake service was Friday, May 29, 2015. Funeral services were Saturday, May 30, 2015. Both services were held at Oakhurst Indian Fellowship, 6130 S 58th W Ave, Tulsa, OK. Funeral arrangements were under the direction of Smith Funeral Home, 1208 S Main St, Sapulpa, OK.



Emma Grace Harjo

Samuel "Sam" Grass

Samuel "Sam" Grass was born December 5, 1955 and passed away on June 14, 2015

Viewing was at Walker Funeral on Tuesday, June 16, 2015. Wake Services were Wednesday, June 17, 2015 at the Sac and Fox Community Building in Stroud. Funeral Services were held Thursday, June 18, 2015 with Rev. Rick Deer officiating. Burial followed at the Sac and Fox Cemetery.

He enjoyed basketball, softball, bowling, and most of all watching his grandchildren play ball.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a granddaughter: Dream LeeAnn Grass, 1 brother, and 2 sisters.

He is survived by his Wife: Billie (Larney) Grass; 6 Children: Jason Grass, Solomon Grass, Amanda Grass, Jacob Grass, Justin Grass, and Amelia Grass; 17 Grandchildren; 5 Sisters and 3 Brothers.



Samuel "Sam" Grass

Wendell H. Pappan

Wendell H. Pappan passed from this life to the next on Friday, May 22, 2015 at Hillcrest Medical Center in Tulsa following a short illness. He was 52 years of age and would have turned 53 on the 25th of May this year.

He was a member of the Ponca and Sac & Fox Tribes. Wendell was cared for and loved by his daughters Kelly Yvonne and Sarah Elizabeth Delodge and Margaret Burgess. Wendell loved spending time with his children and grandchildren.

He grew up in the Ponca City area most of his life and attended McKinley grade school and East Jr. High. His enjoyments included his weight lifting workouts and his walking.

Wendell is survived by three brothers, Clifton Pappan, Jeffrey Pappan and Garland Pappan Jr.; his daughters, Kelly Yvonne Delodge, Sarah Elizabeth Delodge and Margaret Burgess. Paternal aunts Ernestine Pappan Overland of Texas, Harriet Lee Pappan Raven, also of Texas, Clara Jane Pappan Columbus of Oklahoma City; uncles Thomas Roy and Thomas Pappan, Jessie Pappan and family of Tonkawa, Oklahoma.

Wendell has a large extended family that he cared deeply for including numerous nieces and nephews. He will be greatly missed by them all. His parents, Lowellia Jean Wakolee and Frances Pappan Jr. preceded him in death, also two brothers, Gabriel Q. Pappan and Stephen R. Pappan; two sisters, Mary Lou Pappan Rhodd and Loretta Lynne Pappan.

Prayer services were held each evening at the Ponca Indian Baptist Church. A traditional noon meal was held at the church Wednesday. The meal was served at the Ponca Tribal Cultural Center. The funeral service was held Wednesday, May 27, 2015 at the Ponca Indian Baptist Church with Pastor Gordon Lack leading the service with Doug Eagle presiding. Burial followed in the Ponca Indian Tribal Cemetery under the direction of Grace Memorial Chapel.

Casket bearers were Benji Rhodd, Frances Rhodd, William Karty Jr. "Blue", Thomas Blue Roy, Turner Delodge and Fermin Hernandez. Honorary casket bearers were Joshua Allen, Danny Lee Page, Jessie LeClair Jr., Parrish Roy, Thomas Pappan and Thomas Roy.

The family would like to express their gratitude to Grace Memorial Chapel, Sac & Fox and Ponca Tribes for all their help and consideration. Friends and family are greatly appreciated. Happy Birthday Wendell!



Wendell H. Pappan

Norma Kathleen Thorpe

Norma Kathleen Thorpe, 89, of Morro Bay, passed away at a local care center on May 24, 2015. Norma was born October 1925 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. She was a graduate of the Sherman Institute in Riverside, with awards in band, orchestra, music and art. Norma worked at Norton AFB on sheet metal projects. She was an enrolled member of Sac and Fox Nation of Oklahoma and was a proud descendent of Olympian, Jim Thorpe. Her family tree dates back to Chief Black Hawk (Sauk Leader). Her mother, Mary Thorpe was of the Potawatomi Nation and French. Norma is survived by her daughter, Coleen Thorpe Beck (Turner) of Paso Robles; grandsons, Jack and James; granddaughters: Michelle, Tonya, Jamie and great-granddaughters: Mazy, Lilly, and Caitlyn, and sister, Joan Thorpe of Lawton, Okla. She was preceded in death by great-grandson Jorge in 2009. A Memorial Service was held at 2:00pm, Saturday, June 20, at the Kingdom Hall of Paso Robles. Arrangements were by Coast Family Cremation Service of San Luis Obispo.

NOTICE: Principal Chief George Thurman Announces Sac and Fox Nation Annual Governing Council

August 29, 2015

10:00 AM

Sac and Fox Nation Community Building