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Obituaries

Robyn Rene Cancel

Robyn Rene Cancel was born on November 25, 1961 in Syracuse, NY to Gladys Boyd and Hector Cancel and passed from this life on January 10, 2011 in San Antonio, Texas at the age of 48.

Robyn was a member of the Sac and Fox Nation and was a U.S. Air Force Veteran. She recently graduated from the University of Texas at San Antonio in hopes of filling her dream of teaching at the elementary school level with the San Antonio Unified School District.

She is survived by her parents, Gladys Boyd and Hector Cancel; daughter, Sara Ann Hensley, age 10; sons, Mathew D. Hensley, age 12 and Cody A. Schmidt, age 19; brothers, Mark D. Cancel of Centennial, Co. and Michael W. Cancel and wife Jodie of Arlington, Va; also several aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends.

Graveside services were held on Friday, January 14, 2011 at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery in San Antonio, Texas with full military honors.



Robyn Rene Cancel



Chenenia Mae LaDeaux

Chenenia Mae LaDeaux was born in Pawnee, Oklahoma on June 27, 1954 and departed this life in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma on Sunday, April 10, 2011 at the age of 56 years.

Chenenia is the daughter of Celestia Morris. She was a resident of Stroud all of her life. Chenenia was a member of the Assembly of God Church in Stroud, Oklahoma and worked as a Realty Specialist for Bureau of Indian Affairs. She graduated from Stroud High School in 1972.

She was preceded in death by her mother, one brother, Russell Bigbow, and one sister, Barbara Warrior. Survivors include, One Daughter & Son in Law, Carrie LaDeaux & Shannon Barnes of Stroud, OK, Two Sons, Kyle Nullake of Oklahoma City, OK, Joshua Bigbow of Lawton, OK, Five Brothers, Mike Harris of Stroud, OK, Dean Tartsah of Stroud, OK, Morris Warrior of Stroud, OK, Thomas Warrior of Stroud, OK, Antwine Warrior of Stroud, OK, Three Grandchildren, Elijah LaDeaux, AisLinn Barnes and Izabella Barnes, Other relatives and friends.

Wake services were held at the Sac & Fox Community Building Stroud, Oklahoma on Tuesday, April 12, 2011 at 6:00 P.M. with Edgar Butler, Rev. Jeromye Jackson and Rev. Thomas Morris.

Graveside service was at the Stella Reuben Cemetery Wednesday, April 13, 2011 at 10:00 A.M. under the direction of Parks Brothers Funeral Service in Stroud, Oklahoma.



Chenenia Mae LaDeaux



Shirley McClellan Springer

Shirley Ann Springer, 65, was peacefully called home to our Father's Kingdom in Heaven on April 16, 2011 in Arkansas City, Kansas. Services for her were held on Tuesday, April 19, 2011 at the Iowa Tribes Ba Ko Je Chena building in Perkins, Oklahoma with Tommy Morris officiating.

A traditional feast began at noon with graveside services following at the Iowa Tribal Cemetery in Perkins, Oklahoma. Strode Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Shirley was born on January 28, 1946 to Howard and Ruth Springer in Pawnee, Oklahoma. She graduated Tryon High School in Tryon, Oklahoma. She moved to Arkansas City, Kansas where she worked at the New Era Mill which later was named ADM Milling for many years. She later worked at Ark City Memorial Hospital (which later was named South Central Kansas Regional Medical Center) until her retirement from the health care field. After her retirement she enjoyed working in her yard, socializing with friends, and most of all her grandchildren in which she was the most proud of. She enjoyed attending her grandchildren's sporting events and being surrounded by her grandchildren. Shirley was a member of the Blessing Heights Church in Ark City.

She is preceded in death by her parents. Brothers: Tyron Springer and Louis Springer; Sister: Monica Harden and spouse Cleve Harden.

She is survived by one son; Garrod Blenden. Two daughters: Tonja Springer Clark and spouse Tom and Ruthie Springer Harris. Five grandchildren; Seth Springer Horton, Blake Springer Horton, Cheyenne Meyer, Hunter Meyer, and Kaden Blended. One brother; Leroy Springer. Three sisters; Beverly Buffalo Head and spouse Ivan, and Grace Douglas and spouse Jim, Katherine Gashwazra and spouse Marvin.

Pallbearers were Garrod Blenden, Seth Springer Horton, Blake Springer Horton, Hunter Meyer, Tyrone Springer, and Tom Clark. Honorary Pallbearers were: Michael Gashwazra, William Harden, Travis Lefler Springer, Ivan Buffalo Head, Marvin Gashwazra, and Jim Douglas.



Shirley McClellan Springer



Polly Grant Edens

Polly Edens was born in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma on August 28, 1963 and departed this life in Tulsa, Oklahoma on Thursday, April 14, 2011 at the age of 47 years.

Polly was the daughter of Jerome and Mary Ann (Spade) Grant. Polly was a resident of Pryor, Oklahoma. She was a member of the New Jordan Church in Salina, Oklahoma and worked as Manager and Computer Technician for Riverspirit Casino. She was preceded in death by her father, Jerome, one brother, Ronald, maternal and paternal grandparents.

Survivors include: Daughter, Erika Eckstein, Pryor, Oklahoma; Mother, Mary Ann Grant, Pryor, Oklahoma; Two Brothers, Jesse Grant, Pryor, Oklahoma and Delrey Gokey, Tulsa, Oklahoma; One Grandson, Brody Wilson, Salina, Oklahoma and other relatives and friends.

Memorial was held at the Coo-y-yha Church in Pryor, Oklahoma Saturday, April 16, 2011 at 7:00 P.M.

Wake services were held at the Sac and Fox Nation Chapel Sunday, April 17, 2011 at 6:00 P.M. with Rev. Thomas Morris officiating. Burial was Monday, April 18, 2011 at 10:00 A.M. under the direction of Parks Brothers Funeral Service in Stroud, Oklahoma.



Polly Grant Edens

In Loving Memory Of My Mother Sarah Franklin

Raised with wooden spoons

With wooden bowls

In a wooden church With a floor of dirt

Walked the red dirt roads

In the land of the Redman

And

Worked the farmers fields of cotton

Her warmth was fire from wood

Her thirst quenched with wells water

Her nights light lit by kerosene or candle

Cast iron pot on a cast iron stove

Cooked her cuisine of beans and bread

My mother

Among other mothers

Without their other

With small mouths to feed

With small lives to clothe

Made ends meet

Through meager meals

Second hand stores Self sacrifice

Of Life's luxuries

And

Worked and worked and worked

My mother

My teacher taught me

To care for the helpless

To house the homeless

To feed the hungry

To share all I have

And

To respect the elders

My mother

My greatest gift from God

My best of best of friends

And

My love for her is forever

Randall J. Riley

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