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## Mary (Spooner) Ellis

Mary Ellis passed away quietly at her home on the early morning of Thursday, September 15, 2011. Tribal rites were held on September 17-18 at the McKosato home place on Moccasin Trail Road. Ms. Ellis was 99 years, 6 months and 2 days old. She was the oldest living Sac and Fox elder in the tribal jurisdiction, and possibly the whole Sac and Fox Nation.

Mary was born to Irwin and Ida (Miller) Spooner on March 13, 1912. She was the oldest child born to her parents, 5 girls and 1 boy. She married Levi Ellis in 1937 and they had 4 children, L. Marlene, Judy, Robert "Bobby" and Michael.

Mary was one of the original War Mothers among the Sac and Foxes, going back to when she was a young woman during World War II. She remained active with the veteran's organization and women's auxiliary since as well as the elders group. She attended many activities sponsored by the Nation, and always loved to go to pow-wows.

She is preceded in death by her parents, husband Levi, sons Michael and Robert, sisters Bernice Franklin, Lenora Thorpe, Evangeline "Muffet" Watt, and Charlotte Mae Spoon, and brother Franklin "Frankie" Irwin Spooner. Survivors include her daughters L. Marlene Kaseca Ellis and Judy Ellis of the home, and a multitude of Great, Great-Great and, Great-Great-Great grandchildren, nephews and nieces. Interment was at the McKosato Cemetery.

She may have never learned how to drive, but you can bet that she seen and experienced the world and its many changes, inventions, struggles, accomplishments and victories. She was a quiet, soft spoken lady always with a smile on her face and a good story to tell. She was a good mother to the Sac and Fox Nation. We will miss her and our prayers go out to the family.

*THANK YOU!*

On behalf of the Ellis family we would like to thank everyone for their prayers, support, donations, and time during the tribal rites that were held for our beloved mother, Mary Ellis. Words can never truly express how much everyone's help touched our hearts, and we will remember you all for the rest of our lives. We would especially like to thank "Man we tuck"; the Nullake girls-Stella, Ida, Georgia, Shirley, Nancy - along with Gwen, Jamie, Evelyn and Lina; Thomas Carter and his helpers William Pennock and the SF Maintenance Crew; Bud McClellan and his help; J. Paul and Jeff Wilson for their War Mother's songs; and especially the McKosato girls Liz, Anna and Wanda for the use of their home and gracious hospitality. We would also like to thank the rest of the family for coming and being with us at this time. For the grave diggers and cooks feast held on Wednesday, we would like to thank our help for coming back to eat, and our cooks Evelyn Walker and her daughters Josie and Gena, Anita Stevens, and Jeannie Riley for helping us out. We really appreciated all your help. If we have missed anyone, we apologize. Just know that by our prayers, we ask the God to bless each and every one of you. Once again thank you all. *Marlena & Judy Ellis and the Family of Mary Ellis*



*Mary (Spooner) Ellis*

## Darren Joseph Peacore

Darren Joseph Peacore age 27, of Shawnee, departed from this life on Saturday, August 27, 2011. Darren was born November 29, 1984 at Carl Albert Indian Hospital in Ada, OK to John Briggs and Francine Peacore and a member of the Sac and Fox Nation. He attended Defiance High School, in Ohio before excitedly entering the workforce. Darren never knew a stranger. He was phenomenally generous with a calming spirit and a contagious laugh. He enjoyed his position at Central Expanded Metal in Chandler, and was well known as a hard and dedicated worker. He was a well-loved son, brother, uncle and friend to all who had the privilege to know him. Darren is survived by his parents Francine Peacore of Shawnee, John Briggs of Kansas City, Missouri, and Bill Braley of San Diego, California; brother Brad Braley and his daughters Ivrie and Jazzmin of Sacramento, California; grandparents Howard and Kateri Jordan of La Mirada, California, John and June Kermode of Ridgecrest, California; Uncles, Michael W. Green of Shawnee, Richie Jordan, and Jimmy Jordan of California, David Jordan of Guam; Aunts Mary Lou Peacore, and Carol Harjo both of Shawnee, Michelle Kermode, Linda Johnson, Sheila Dornish, and Neicy Jordan of California, Janell Tramell of Tecumseh; Cousins, Faith Jacoway, and Michael J. Green, both of Shawnee, Jeremiah Green of Lacey, Washington, Savannah Miller of Arlington Texas, Philip Peacore and Brandy Peacore of Shawnee; as well as his brother and sisters in spirit, Samantha Smith and Eric Gilmore of Ohio, and Victor and Jennifer Cataneda. Darren is preceded in death by his grandparents Leon and Frances Peacore; his uncles Joaquin Miller, Randall Peacore and David Peacore. Services were at 3 p.m., Wednesday, Aug. 31, at First Indian Baptist Church. Tribal rites followed at the McKosato Home on Moccasin Trail. Burial was Thursday morning at the McKosato Cemetery.



*Darren Joseph Peacore*

## Hawkins Honored To Be Part Of Color Guard During Council

Travis Hawkins is the son of Barbara Hawkins-Ramos and the grandson of Grace (Wakolee) Wallace and was most honored to be asked to be a part of the color guard during the annual Governing Council Meeting on Saturday, August 27, 2011.

Travis was recognized as a Combat Veteran for his service in the Iraqi War.

Travis served with the Oklahoma Army National Guard for fifteen years. Upon entering the military, he served with the 2120th Combat Support, followed by service with the 160th Field Artillery out of Chandler, Oklahoma. In 2004, his battalion was called to active duty in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. While in Iraq, their company was assigned to Fallujah and the surrounding areas. Our combat mission was to support the Marine Corps, the 82nd Airborne, and any other combat units attempting to stop or eliminate insurgent activity during the first free Iraqi election in January 2005. Travis finished out his career with the 120th Combat Engineers in December, 2005.

Travis was injured during combat on three different occasions but after he sustained injuries when a PIED exploded near him he was sent back to the States. Upon returning from Iraq, Travis spent a year in medical hold at Fort Sill in Lawton, Oklahoma recuperating from injuries he received during combat action in Fallujah. He was medically and honorably discharged from the military on December 22, 2005.

At the present time he works for Advantage Mobility and Medical Equipment in Lawton, Oklahoma. Travis' company works with the VA by supplying medical equipment to qualified disabled veterans. He also works with several tribal vocational rehabilitation programs by providing durable medical equipment, and also with private sector individuals.

Travis is a member of the DAV, the American Legion, an active member of his church, and is a loving husband and step-father of three children.

## Haskell Alumni Association of Oklahoma

Haskell Indian Nations University, Lawrence KS 66044

*Invites Alumni & Friends to a*

**One-Day Reunion!**

**November 05, 2011**

**Sac & Fox Tribal Community Center**  
**Stroud, OK**

**Golf Scramble - Contact Dan Litle Axe at 405-413-8443**

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or email [mescarmen2009@hotmail.com](mailto:mescarmen2009@hotmail.com)

RV & camp grounds available, please contact Carmen for rates.

## Oklahoma Indian Legal Service inc.

### "WILLS CLINIC"

**WHEN:** December 2, 2011

**WHERE:** Sac & Fox District Courthouse

**WHO:** Any & all tribal members needing a will.

**HOW:** Will need to cotact norma w/o.i.l.s. to make an appointment for that date.

**Information:**

**o.i.l.s. 1-800-658-1497 or 1-405-943-6457**