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## Obituaries

### Rosemary "Opal" Taylor

Rosemary "Opal" Taylor Allen, 88, passed away on June 26, 2012 of cardiovascular disease. She was born the seventh of eight children to Willis Taylor and Gertrude King Taylor in Prague, Oklahoma on March 17, 1924. She lost both parents by the age of 10 and lived at Tipton Orphanage until she came to Los Angeles at 17 years of age to live with her older sister Harriett.

She graduated from Fairfax High School and immediately went to work as a dispatcher at the Yellow Cab Company in downtown Los Angeles where she met her future husband Fred Allen whom she married in 1944. Shortly thereafter she worked as a switchboard operator for the telephone company until she had her first child in 1945.

She was a housewife with the exception of 10 years when she worked at General Telephone in Baldwin Park to contribute to the cost of raising 3 teenagers. She thrilled her children with some of the stories of movie stars she talked to while connecting their calls. She lived for her children and instilled in them a love of the arts, literature and nature. She avidly followed politics, was a champion of the downtrodden, the less fortunate and a lifelong Yankee fan.

She was a member of the Sac & Fox tribe of Indians, on her mother's side, and very proud of her heritage, which she passed on to her children, who are all members of the tribe as well. She was also an avid gardener.

She was predeceased by her husband Fred Allen, sister Frances Taylor, who died in infancy, Harriet Finley; brothers Eugene, John, Willis, and William Taylor.

Opal is survived by her children, Donna Gorton (Ian), Anita Hooley, (Bill), William Allen; grandchildren Valerie Cass MacDon-ald, Dana Larson Thomas, Raina Philbrook Webb; and great grandchildren James Smith, Lily Gunn Larson, Maddie and Katy Webb; sister Ruth Wright; nephew Taylor Neal Finley; and many nieces and nephews on the Allen side of the family.

She will be greatly missed for her kindness to all she knew, her wit and "joie de vivre". The family would especially like to thank the wonderful staff at Indio Nursing and Rehabilitation, a 5 star facility, for their kindness, compassion and loving care of our mother for the last 2 1/2 years. Also we would like to thank Odyssey Hospice for their help in the last few weeks of our mother's life. There will be no services according to our mother's wishes. The family will observe a private celebration of her life.



Rosemary "Opal" Taylor

### Michael Wayne Cannon

Michael Wayne Cannon passed away on Monday, May 28, 2012 in Tucson, AZ. He was born June 1, 1970 in Lawton, Oklahoma, the son of Dennis Cannon and the late Deena Clark Whiteshirt. He grew up in the Shawnee area and attended Shawnee public schools until high school, where he then attended and graduated from Santa Fe Indian School, Santa Fe, NM. After graduation, Michael attended Haskell University where he played on the football team. After Haskell, he attended Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute. Michael is survived by his children: Victoria, Christa, Adrian James, Tamia, Jacob, and Zavier, of Tucson, AZ; sister Ada Whiteshirt Lucero and husband Joe, of Shawnee, OK; brothers Lawrence Whiteshirt and Anthony Whiteshirt of Shawnee, OK; aunts Bonnie Clark Heminokeky of Shawnee, OK, Carla and uncle Wil Honeyestewa of Albuquerque, NM; and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Michael was preceded in death by his mother, Deena Clark Whiteshirt; grandmother Mary Grass Clark, and grandfather Albert Lee Clark.

Funeral mass and wake services were held in Tucson, AZ at the Cristo Rey Church, Tucson, AZ on Monday, June 4, 2012.



Michael Wayne Cannon

## Walker Grandchildren Reunion July 12, 2012

With just one pot for dinner the Walker Grandchildren enjoyed another family reunion, the first day of the tribal Powwow. However, family members brought other dishes to compliment the main course, and the meal was just delicious and filling. Doris S. Young gave the invocation. Several comments were made on how good the ice tea was. It was good!

Only 19 people signed the register, but the cousins were new from last year. So, that is what it is all about, and that is getting to know one another. Cousin Connie Lee Brown Schraeder of Wichita, Kansas brought a precious picture of her, her mother Edith Walker Brown, and our grandmother Dora Benson Walker. It was group picture and Aunt Edith was holding Connie who was a baby, with Grandmother Dora standing with them. Copies were made for everyone present.

Connie's sister, Helen Sue Brown Sanchez, from Norman, Oklahoma was present. The two sisters were present for the reunion, as they wanted to view the "Painting" by their brother Herman Brown, Jr. Their brother, formerly of Kansas City, MO is now deceased. Cousin Mary F. McCormick told the story of how she became one of the recipients of Herman's two "Paintings". The "Painting" of Herman Brown, Jr. was then unveiled and shown! Time was taken to view the "Painting" and discussed the beauty of the "Painting" and the dexterity, knowledge and feelings of the artist revealed in the "painting". Cousin Mary F. McCormick informed and reminded the cousins present, that the three cousins whose parents were Edith Walker and Herman Brown, Sr. were "Full Blood" Sac and Fox members. There are not too many full blood Sac and Fox members today.

Mary spoke on the need to complete a history on Grandfather Benjamin Walker and Grandmother Dora Benson Walker. We have a good supply of document and pictures but it needs to be compiled into one book for the family members, tribal members and history. For example, Dora S. Young presented a copy of Grandfather Benjamin Walker's allotment paper. The copy was given to Mary S. McCormick to make copies for all the cousins present, and future Walker reunions.

Special Honor Guests was cousin Lena Ellis Pennock Clark. Her Grandmother Rose Battice and Lydia Walker were sisters, and in turn, daughters of Chief McKosato. Cousin Curtis Wakolee presented a

sample drawing of how to compile the genealogy of each cousin, which would give an accurate picture of each cousin.

Present for the reunion: Mary F. McCormick, Lena Clark, Dan Pennock, Mary Georgia Walker Rolette, Curtis Wakolee, Helen Sue Brown Sanchez, and Michelle Carol Juhenzl, Connie Lee Brown

Schraeder, Forrest Walker, Vera Star Walker, Dora S. Young, Gregory P. Walker, Erin Walker, Cassie Teal Walker, Tina Wakolee, Nancy Poodyr, Lela J. Walker, William Grass from Muskogee, OK and Doreen Walker of Yukon OK.

Duly submitted by: Mary F. McCormick, Deer Clan.



Walker Grandchildren Reunion: (Standing from Left) Lena Ellis Pennock Clark, Connie Lee Brown Schraeder, Forest Neil Walker and Sue Brown Sanchez. (seated from left) Mary Georgia Walker Rolette, Mary Frances Coker McCormick and Dora Steel Coker Young. (Photo submitted by Gwen Wilburn)

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