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## Obituaries

### Ayo Gene Haney

Our beloved son, grandson, brother, uncle and friend, Ayo "Hawk" Gene Haney, passed away on December 25, 2012. He was born on July 24, 1979 to Lawrence Haney and Deborah Baca Muro in Ogden, Utah.

Ayo enjoyed cooking and spending time with his brother, nephews, and cousins.

He is survived by his parents, Lawrence Haney and Deborah Muro; two brothers, Isaiah Cervantes and Micco Haney; one sister, Malisa Haney.

A viewing was held from 6-8 p.m. with a Rosary at 7 p.m., Thursday, December 27, 2012 at Myers Ogden Mortuary, 845 Washington Blvd, Ogden, Utah.

Funeral services were held Monday, Dec. 31, at the Seminole Hitchitee United Methodist Church and Cemetery in Seminole where a wake was held Sunday, Dec. 30. Burial followed the service.

Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.myers-mortuary.com](http://www.myers-mortuary.com).



Ayo Gene Haney

### Kelly Rice Chosen Pawnee Teacher of the Year

Kelly Rice is a successful, proud Native American woman and a member of the Sac & Fox Nation. As a little girl, Kelly would play teacher with her cousins and dolls. As she matured she always did well in school, eventually graduating from Pawnee High School in 1984 with high honors. Her parents had dreams and encouraged her post-graduation interests toward entering the medical or engineering field. In the summer of 1984, Kelly attended the engineering camp at the University of Oklahoma. That fall, she enrolled in the University of Oklahoma.

In 1987, Kelly returned to her hometown of Pawnee, Oklahoma. She married James Rice on March 9, 1988; together they have two children, Gwen Picolella and Zac Rice. Kelly would hold several jobs with the Pawnee Nation; the latter, she held the Johnson O'Malley tutor position with an office in the Pawnee Public School's Junior High Building. That would give her opportunities to develop relationships with the Pawnee Public School's staff. Mr. Ned Williams, Superintendent, encouraged her to pursue her education as a teacher.

In 1999, Kelly returned to college. She enrolled in the Business Administration program at Northern Oklahoma College in Tonkawa, Oklahoma. The next year she would decide to pursue her childhood dream and enroll in the Elementary Education Program. After graduating from Northern Oklahoma College, Kelly transferred to Oklahoma State University and graduated in 2004 with her Elementary Education, Bachelor of Science Degree.

Kelly has spent her teaching career with Pawnee Public Schools, at present; she is a second grade teacher at Pawnee Elementary, because of her caring personality and her outstanding leadership skills she is well respected among her colleagues. They come to her for advice on many issues. She is dedicated to the success of Pawnee Public Schools, serving on several after school committees. She has also helped with summer reading programs.

Kelly's dedication and caring ways carry over into her classroom. She has such compassion and love for her students. Because of budget cuts in the schools, Kelly purchases many educational items such as science projects and school supplies out of her own pocket. At one time, our city's local water plant sent notices recommending the water be boiled before drinking, with concerns for her students Kelly bought bottled water for them to drink. She continues this practice today. Her reputation as an outstanding teacher is well known in our community. Each year, parents attempt to request Mrs. Rice to be their child's teacher.

As a proud Native American woman,

Kelly, stands up for Indian Education any chance she gets, especially at Sac and Fox Nation Council Meetings. Her knowledge of education and federal programs is recognized and respected by the councilmen and councilwomen of the Sac and Fox Council. She has been chosen multiple times by the high school Native American students to serve as the Title VII Parent Advisory Committee Teacher Representative where she has graciously accepted each time. Her dedication to culture was also apparent as she received her Pawnee Language teacher certification through the Pawnee Nation College.

Kelly's personal goals in education are always first in her life. Not only is she seriously contemplating pursuit of her Masters degree, but she is also always encouraging the pursuit of higher education to all. She is such a role model to her own children. Gwen graduated from Northern Arizona University spring of 2012 and Zac is currently a junior at the University of Oklahoma majoring in Native American studies. Please see below her accomplishments and awards in the education field. It is with much pride and honor that I nominate Mrs. Kelly Ann Rice for the OCIE Teacher of the Year, as I believe she is the greatest teacher in Pawnee, Oklahoma.



Ned Williams, Superintendent Pawnee Schools presents Kelly Ann Rice Teacher of the Year award.

#### Accomplishments & Awards in the Education Field

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| 2011 Pawnee Elementary School "Teacher of the Year" Award   | 2002 Northern Oklahoma College Elementary Education, Associate In Arts Degree  |
| 2011 Masonic Charity Foundation "Teacher of Today" Award  | 1998-1999 Pawnee Public School Title IX Indian Education "Teacher of the Year" Award   |
| 2005-2011 Pawnee Public School Title IX Indian Education Committee member- Teacher Representative | 1998 Pawnee Nation Johnson O'Malley "Grateful Acknowledgement & Appreciation of Your Dedication" Recognition Award                     |
| 2007 Pawnee Elementary School "Teacher of the Year" Award   | 1991-1999 Pawnee Nation Johnson O'Malley Tutor (February 3, 1990-May 4, 1998) Pawnee Nation Johnson O'Malley "Committee Service" Award |
| 2007 Masonic Charity Foundation "Teacher of Today" Award  |  |
| 2004 Oklahoma State University Elementary Education, Bachelor of Science Degree                   |  |

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(IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE VIII - MEETINGS, SECTION 2(A) OF THE SAC AND FOX NATION CONSTITUTION)

PRINCIPAL CHIEF GEORGE THURMAN ANNOUNCES

A SPECIAL GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING

OF THE SAC AND FOX NATION  
 JANUARY 26, 2013 - 10:00 AM

THE COMMUNITY BUILDING  
 SAC AND FOX RESERVATION  
 STROUD, OKLAHOMA

(IN ANY CASE OF SEVERE WEATHER, THE MEETING WILL BE POSTPONED UNTIL THE FOLLOWING SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2013)

### Sac and Fox Nation

**Veterans Organization Meeting**

January 8, 2013  
 5:00 pm  
 Elders Bldg  
 Stroud

Always on the 2nd  
 Tuesday of each month  
 unless otherwise posted