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Obituaries

Brian Walker Gibbs

Brian Walker Gibbs passed from this life on Sunday, Sep 1, 2013. He was born August 7, 1970 to Leon and Ella Gibbs. He was preceded in death by his father Leon Gibbs and sister Mona T. Gibbs. He is survived by his son, Anthony Dominique Gibbs; grandchildren, Adryel and Ariyanna Gibbs; mother, Ella F. Gibbs; sisters, Tammy S. Warlick and Stephany Kirk; brothers, Kevin L. Gibbs and Deon I Gibbs. Brian lived in Sapulpa his whole life and he enjoyed and dearly loved his grandchildren. Brian loved to cook and listen to his music and spend time with his grandchildren, he also loved animals and was always willing to send a helping hand and many times gave the coat off his back to strangers. There was a time when Brian went to Atwoods with a friend and came home with a goose and the goose disappeared and he was devastated, but my mom was secretly happy as Brian set the goose in his room and his mom did not like a goose in her house. Next there was the purchase of a duck that flew away and this too his mom was secretly happy about but Brian was sad he would say. "Sis, my duck flew away". Brian always tried to be nice to everyone he came into contact with. He had a kind and loving heart and a comforting, caring, way about him. He would always try to comfort you if he thought you were sad. Mind you, he was not perfect, he had his moments just like everyone else. Our heartfelt thanks to everyone for their thoughts and prayers. Brian was able to attend confession and take communion and receive anointing of the sick one week before his death. God took Brian when he was good for the taking. Brian, we love you so much and you will be missed dearly. Rosary was 7:00 p.m. Thursday, September 5, 2013 at Smith Funeral Chapel, 1208 S. Main St., Sapulpa, OK. Funeral services were held Friday, September 6, 10:00 am at Sacred Heart Church 1777 E Grayson Ave, Sapulpa, OK. Officiating was Father Jovita Okonkwo. Interment followed at South Heights Cemetery. Funeral arrangements were under the direction of Smith Funeral Home, Sapulpa, Oklahoma.



Brian Walker Gibbs



Frances (Stevens) Meshquekenock

Frances (Stevens) Meshquekenock, 88, passed away on Monday, Aug. 26, 2013 at her home in Shawnee, OK.

She was born on Dec. 7, 1924 to Etta Shaw and Sweeney Stevens. She was a member of the Sac and Fox Nation and Kickapoo Tribe of Oklahoma and was member of the Thunder Clan. She is preceded in death by her parents, husband, Ralph Meshquekenock, brother, Edison Murdock, son, Benny Stevens, and her niece, Delores "Bookie" (Murdock) Washington. She is survived by her daughters and son-in-laws Gail and Bruce Harjo of the home, Francena and Osceola Little, of Seminole and adopted son Randall Riley. She is also survived by her six grandchildren: Red Thunder Wind, Jesse Kent, Sarah Harjo, Isaiah Harjo, Osceola Little, Jr., and Mitchell Little, as well as eleven Great-Grand children: Jordan, Alyssa, and Kali Wind; Ayanna and Adalynn Kent; Isaiah Harjo, Jr.; Madalynn Flores; Osceola III, Tomorrow Francis, Amelia, and Brianna Little.

Tribal Rites were conducted at the home of Carol Patterson. She was laid to rest on Aug. 28th, 2013 at Wakolee Cemetery.



Frances (Stevens) Meshquekenock



Kenneth Snake

Kenneth Snake, resident of Ponca City, passed away Tuesday, Sept. 24, 2013. He was 67 years of age. He was a member of the Sac and Fox Nation and had the Indian name of Tay'nu'-gah-shay. He was also a member of the Ponca Nation Indian Tribe.

Kenneth was born July 1, 1946 at White Eagle, the son of Andrew Snake Sr. and Pauline McClellan Snake. He was a graduate of Fort Sill Indian School and attended Okmulgee Vo-Tech. Kenneth had worked at one time as a parts man with Chick Norton Buick of Tulsa. His enjoyments were attending pow-wows, selling Indian arts and crafts and going to casinos.

He is survived by his two sons, Kendall Snake of Pawnee, and Michael Snake of Muskogee; one brother, Sammy Snake of Tulsa; one adopted brother, Tyrone Poore; one grandchild, Kendall Dale Snake; a great-nephew, Derek Whitehorn; and other extended family. He was preceded in death by his parents; one sister, Celeste Snake; one brother, Andrew Snake Jr.; and one half-brother, Moran Bible Sr.

A prayer service was held at 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 26, at the Ponca Indian Methodist Church. A noon meal was served Friday, Sept. 27, at the church with funeral services following at 2 p.m. Bro. Jimmy White was the presiding minister. Burial followed in the Ponca Tribal Cemetery under the direction of Grace Memorial Chapel.

Casket bearers were Kendall Snake, Michael Snake, Joseph Pratt, Houston Primeaux III, Gabriel Rhodd and Garren Primeaux. Honorary casket bearers were Sammy Snake, Tyrone Poore, Dean Russell, Johnny Poore, Hayley Tah, Kendall Dale Snake and Sandra Howell.



Kenneth Snake



Alice Eason

Alice Eason, age 87 of Cushing, passed away on Thursday, September 26, 2013 at her home.

Funeral arrangements were entrusted to the care of the Palmer Marler Funeral Home, Cushing, OK and was held at 10:00 a.m., Monday, September 30, 2013 at the Indian Baptist Church in Cushing. Burial followed in the Euchee Valley Memorial Park, Cushing, OK. Visitation was held at Palmer Marler Funeral Home from 5:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 28, 2013 and on Sunday, September 29, 2013 from 1:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m.

Alice was born on April 5, 1926 in Cushing, OK, to Saginaw Grant and Fanny (Tyner) Grant Alice grew up in Cushing and lived on the south side of Euchee Creek, and went to school at Cushing High School. Alice was a member of the Indian Baptist Church, she enjoyed spending time sewing, knitting and crocheting, and she loved making quilts and afghans. Alice worked at Tinker Air Force Base in Oklahoma City before taking a job as a book keeper for Memorex. She enjoyed her dogs and loved butterflies, but was a sports fan especially a football fan of the Oakland Raiders.

Alice is survived by three sons, John Eason and wife Debbie of Cushing, Clifford Allmond and his wife Ouida of East TX and Robert Chaney of California; two daughters, Gale Beckman and her husband Mike of Mannford and Ginger Woodall and husband Bill of Bend Oregon; one sister Claudia Patricia Cale, grandchildren: Jamie, Janet, John, Ralph, Theresa, Clayton, Priscilla, Steven, and Charlotte Eason; Stacy, Clifford and Nichole Allmond; Bill, Bob, and Jill Woodall; Amy, Matthew, and Nathan Beckman; 19 great-grandchildren, numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents Saginaw and Fanny Grant, five brothers, one sister, and one daughter Charlotte. Condolences and online guest book are available at www.palmarlerfh.com



Alice Eason

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10:00 A.M.

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