



This past year, the following people have helped and supported my son, Amial, and I in one way or another, and I just want to say thank you to each of you. There's not enough room to acknowledge what each of you has done for us, but I do want you to know I greatly appreciate it. **Thank you!** (I hope I didn't forget anyone.)

Mom and Joe; Dustin; Aunt Liz, Anna, and kids; Aunties DeAnn, Laurie, Lisa, and Sherri, as well as their families; my family in Warm Springs; Uncle Bristo and Aunt Kristi; Kelley and Lisa N.; Terry Russell; Tony, Brandy, and Kai; Westman and Ron B.; Joelden; Tod, Violet, and kids; Tyrone and Trish; Jon, Laura, and kids; Tim, Anita, Heather, and kids; Dino, Juanita, and kids; my co-workers in HR – Jenifier L., Bobbie, Rene, Teri, Theresa, Char, Anne, Nolan, Bridget, and Jennifer K.

Much love, Arlissa and Amial

Congratulations, Mom! On your new job as the Housing programs supervisor. I know you will do a great job! With your dedication, work ethics, and drive to do a job accurately, completely, and within compliance, you will be a benefit to the department.

I am so happy for you and know that this will provide you with more opportunities to do the things you haven't been able to (like spend more time w/me and Amial).

Love, Arlissa

Happy Birthday to Ron B. on Aug. 1. Take care.

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New Policy

Beginning with the September issue of *Siletz News*, the following Passages policy will be in effect:

Submissions are limited to two 25-word items per person, plus one photo, if desired. All birthday, anniversary, and holiday wishes will remain in the Passages section. Items containing information on births, graduations, the Armed Services, weddings, engagements, and deaths will appear in the Tribal Member News section.

Siletz News reserves the right to edit any submission for clarity and length. Not all submissions are guaranteed publication upon submission. Please type or write legibly and submit via e-mail when possible.

I wanna say ... Happy 20th Birthday to my brother, Marc. You're getting up there. Happy Belated 25th Birthday to my brother, Corey (Mr. VLT, or was that BLT?). And Happy Belated Birthday to my Uncle Joel (I miss you). We love you guys.

Love, your sis, niece, and nephews

Gee, it's been two years already. I know I've aged you, but we're worth it. I love you, Kenny Eric Johnston Sr. I look forward to more laughing, growing together (hopefully on the inside, not outside – he he), and sharing all the special wonderful things we have.

Love, Angela

To Jack Suzaki and Miranda Dew – Just a little something to say **we miss you two**. Hopefully, your busy lives are worth not seeing us often.

Love, your cuz and her young'uns

Aug. 1 – Happy Birthday to Uncle/Brother, Fish! I hope things are going good for you. Take care of you!

Lots of love, Amial and Arlissa

I wanted to tell my only daughter, Ashley Darlene Bellamy, how proud of her I am. She held a 4.0 GPA her whole freshman year, lettered in academics, played great basketball (not once were you thrown out this year, honey), had fun and a great job in soccer, been really active in her family's lives, and a great role model for her brothers, cousins,

Who would have thought that we would be writing to tell you thank you again in such a short amount of time. There seems to be so many things we would like to tell you and to thank you for – there were so many ways you helped us – there were so many things you did for us.

Our dad, Edward "Ouchie" Rilatos Sr., meant so much to us. His passing has left an empty space in our hearts and our lives. His belief in family and all a family stood for now helps us to cope with the loss of both of our parents.

For the loving care of our family and friends in Siletz who have shown us such unbelievable support during a time of intense grief, we are forever grateful.

There is no way one family can take care of the many things that must be done. Thank you to those who came to help with kind words, to those who brought food, those who dug the grave, or would "run to Newport" for us. Thank you for all the work at the tribal center. Also, thank you to Dad's old friends who told us new stories about him that made us laugh through our grief.

Thank you to those who attended the Celebration of Life at the viewing and the funeral. The respect shown to our dad as an uncle, friend, and tribal elder who has passed was deeply felt by us and you are forever held within our hearts.

There must be a special thank you given to his nephew, Kent Rilatos, and grandson, Jim Ingle. It is never easy to be a nurse, but you did it with humor and loving, gentle care given through the months and the days. You both spent long nights sitting, visiting, and caring for Dad so that he was never alone. You respected his privacy and maintained his dignity and for this and many other things, we thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

Gloria and Tom Ingle and family; Elaine and Bob Smith and family; Edward and Gail Rilatos and family; Don and Darlene Rilatos and family

and friends; plus her volunteer jobs and her school activities.

Ash, you keep up the great work. Next year you will be a sophomore and in three short, quick years you will be off to Tennessee. I love you and am really honored to have you. Thanks so much for filling up my world.

Robert Ray Taylor – You, my son, are my eldest boy. You had a great sixth-grade year. You were on the championship football team, second in

Edward Rilatos

by Mary Jane

One by one my dear old friends go before me –

Each leaving a lonely spot in my heart.

Yet I am grateful for each one who has been a shining bead on my rosary of life.

Edward was one of those, and he has always been special to me. Although we seldom met in the last 60 years, I remember Edward in a boxing ring at school.

I remember Edward in full regalia Dancing at the county fair and I remember writing a poetry assignment for him in our English class.

Mostly I remember a wonderful person and in my heart

I know this –

He was a blessing to Dolores.

He was a blessing to his children.

He was a blessing to his friends.

All this I know and yet, it is hard to let him go.

But Edward will be happy there.

So many of his dear ones are in mansions of the great God.

And his beloved Dolores was there to greet him in a celebration of life.

So dear "Ouchie" I salute you, And someday we will meet again.

Until then, you will be walking in the sunlight of God's shadow, while we on earth will dwell in the ashes of the stars.

basketball, and 4.0 in your academics. You had a lot of firsts this year and I can only hope that your seventh-grade year is as much fun and as fulfilling as this one.

Thanks for taking such great care of your sister and brother and for doing all the things you do for me, especially for making Mom coffee in the morning. You are a very giving person, always a kind word and a helping hand. Keep it up, son.