

TRIBAL MEMBER NEWS



Jose Miguel Paez and Yvonne Kim-Chi Bennett

Wedding Features Traditions in Cultures

by Jose Miguel Paez

On June 11, 2005, I married Yvonne Kim-Chi Bennett. We had a wonderful ceremony and reception.

I wore a traditional Filipino Barong Tagalog and Yvonne wore a traditional Vietnamese Ao dai (pronounced "Ow-wee-igh"). My great-aunt, Maria

Westervelt, brought the necklace from Siletz that I wore. The necklace was made by Angela Ramirez.

We spent two weeks in Italy for our honeymoon. We feel very blessed to have such wonderful family and friends.



Ernest L. Stevens Jr. (chairman, National Indian Gaming Association), Tiffany Stuart (Miss Haskell 2005-2006), and Tex Hall (president, National Congress of American Indians) at the NIEA Conference in Denver, Colo., in October.



Jane and Jr. John

Jr. and Jane John Celebrate 50 Years of Marriage

Jane Service, daughter of Ada and Bunny Service of Toledo, and William (Jr.) John, son of Clark and Eva John of Siletz, were united in marriage Oct. 14, 1955, at St. Paul Episcopal Church in Oakland, Calif., with the Rev. James C. Crosson officiating.

The bride's sister, Joan, was maid of honor and William Brown was best man. The couple made their home in Oakland.

Jane and Jr. were participating in the "Relocation Program" after the Siletz Tribe was terminated. They lived and

raised their children – Glendora, Diana, and Bill Jr. – in the Oakland and Fremont area until 1981.

Jane and Jr. returned to Oregon and have resided in Salem to the present time. They retired (semi) in 1997. They now spend their time leisurely exercising and enjoying their grandchildren.

Glendora and Justin Osborn; Diana and Lonnie Kronsteiner, and Jeremy; Bill John Jr., Garrett, Samantha, and Markus hosted a celebration for family and friends Oct. 15, 2005, at Pringle Hall in Salem.

Karen Kay McCormick 1939 – 2005

Karen Kay McCormick passed away as a result of an automobile accident near Kings City, Calif., while returning home from a family trip to Siletz.

Karen was born (Feb. 12, 1939) and raised in San Diego, where she graduated from San Diego High school and met and married Thomas McCormick.

She was preceded in death by her grandmother, Minnie Myrtle VanPelt Hughes; great-grandmother, Amelia (Schute-ta-nah) VanPelt, and great-grandfather, Too-haska of the Tututni Tribe.

She leaves behind her husband of 48 years, Thomas of Oceanside, Calif.; daughters Sher McCormick and Sandra Megrditchian; daughter and son-in-law Susan and Bruce Palmer; mother, Lois



Karen Kay McCormick

Thudium; sister, Linda Weaver; and six wonderful grandchildren.

Services were held Oct. 21 at Eternal Hills Memorial Park in Oceanside, her final resting place. She will be missed so very much by her family and many friends.

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