

TRIBAL MEMBER NEWS

Graduates!



Marlene R. Stuart
Kansas City Kansas
Community College

Marlene R. Stuart invites you to the Kansas City Kansas Community College Graduation Ceremony on May 22, 2008, at 8 p.m. at the KCKCC Field House. She will be recognized for earning an associate's of arts degree.

Marlene continued to work with children at Eisenhower Middle School in Kansas City, Kan., while completing her degree. She has served in the education field for more than 15 years and will continue to do so.



Tiffany Dawn Wisdom
Haskell Indian Nations
University

Tiffany would like to announce her graduation from Haskell Indian Nations University with a bachelor's of elementary education. She would like you to share in the happiness of this celebration at commencement exercises on May 9, 2008, at 10 a.m. at Haskell Stadium-Lawrence, Kan.

Thou art my sister

Thou art my sister, because we were born of the same great spirit; conceived from the same mound of earth; slept quietly together in the cradle of unknowing until He in his gentleness set us in the midst of humanity . . . you are my sister, I love you.

You and I are destined to be companions on the highway of life; together or apart, you are my sister, I love you . . . if the color of my skin is different from yours, it mattereth not, only let the beauty of our souls be kindred . . .

I will honor your wisdom and understanding, as you will mine, together we shall seek the seeds of truth in the distant rooms of the Great Spirit; the reflection of inner knowledge shall wear as beauty upon our faces . . . you are my sister, I love you.

I will be human and fall down in rough places; but thy hand is near mine, I will reach for it, I shall not be alone. I will embrace you when the rains of sorrow visit you, I will befriend your soul as if it were my own . . . you are my sister, I love you.

If death takes from me the lamp of life, and the veil of eternal sleep falls across my eyes before yours, I will wait for you, I will come to lead you across the bridge of night into the meadows of the Great Spirit . . . you are my sister, I love you.

Jean Humphrey Chaillie



*To Tiny Jane
with love
from
Mary Dederick*

Jason Metcalf

OIT

with love from your sister, Jenifer Metcalf

Hi everyone who reads this. I want to share something with you about my brother, Jason Metcalf.

Jason is a senior in college and is attending OIT. He started at OIT in Klamath Falls, Ore., in September 2000. Today, he attends OIT in Portland, Ore.

His field of study is mechanical engineering. In the time he has been in school, his life has changed with a great deal of strength through the Lord.

Jason just faced one of the most challenging terms this year in college. He is a very active man with his family and community, and he had to put that on hold to make this term his priority.

Well, all that paid off for him. He earned a 3.0 GPA this term. What is so awesome is Jason has held this GPA throughout his time in school.

Another wonderful thing about Jay is he's going to graduate June 16, 2008, with a bachelor's of science degree and be a certified mechanical engineer with a job all in one whack! Man, dreams do come true!

Thank you for sharing those, Big Jay. Way to hang in there Brandee, Kayla and Austin Metcalf. You guys helped him get to where he is. We are so proud of you!



Kathryn "Tiny" Jane Rilatos 1954 – 2008



Tiny Jane Rilatos crossed over April 5, 2008, at her home in Siletz, Ore. She was surrounded by her family and friends.

Tiny was born May 7, 1954, in Toledo, Ore., to Robert Paul Rilatos Sr. and Maxine Ben Rilatos. She graduated from Siletz High School in 1973 and attended Oregon State University, including the Upward Bound Program.

She worked at many places, including Georgia Pacific in Toledo, and Western Pulp & Paper and Weyerhaeuser in Eugene, Ore. She also worked for the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians, Siletz Tribal Head Start and as an instructor at Siletz Culture Camp.

Tiny grew up as a traditional woman. She was a very inspirational and loving person. She enjoyed dancing, especially for Grandpa Chief Archie Ben and the Siletz Indian Dancers. Her home was open to everyone. She loved all of her friends, family and children.

Tiny was a member of the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians and the Assembly of God Church in Siletz.

She enjoyed pow-wow, concerts at Chinook Winds Casino, bead work, Wii Bowling, Culture Camp instructor, making dentillium necklaces for dignitaries, Bingo, gambling, dice, cribbage, sun bathing and opening her home to those in need.

Tiny was preceded in death by her father, Robert Paul Rilatos Sr., and brother, Randy Lee Rilatos.

Survivors include her mother, Maxine Ben Rilatos; her sisters, Marlene (and husband Tom) Stuart of Kansas City, Kan., Selene (and husband Dan Lynch) Rilatos of Toledo, Ore., Valerie (and husband Larry) Hibdon of Siletz; brothers, Robert Jr. "Shine" (and wife Ruby) Rilatos of Siletz, Roger (and wife Dorene) Rilatos of Siletz, and Rollie (and Yvonne) Rilatos of Gresham, Ore. She also is survived by 17 nieces and nephews, 26 great-nieces and -nephews, five aunts, five uncles, and numerous cousins and friends.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Mario Pastega House, P.O. Box 1068, Corvallis, OR 97339.

Memorial services were held April 12, 2008, at the Siletz Tribal Community Center. A wake was held April 11-12. The memorial service was followed by a graveside service at Paul Washington Cemetery. A potluck reception followed at the community center.

Services entrusted into the care of ABC of Newport, Ore.