

Roy A. Downey – 1930-2011

Roy A. Downey, 81, of Siletz, Ore., died of a heart attack on Dec. 31, 2011, in Newport.

He was born May 4, 1930, to Roy and Mae (Adams) Downey on the Siletz Reservation in Siletz, Ore. Roy attended Siletz School and Chemawa Indian School in Salem, Ore. He grew up in Siletz and spent his young life as a logger until a change in occupation to pipe and tile manufacturing took him to Salem.

He married Mary Jean Speakman in December 1950 and they raised seven children together. They divorced after 23 years of marriage.

He married Charlene Gladden and they remained married for many years until her death on April 3, 2011.

He returned to Siletz within the past year to live out his final days and spend time with his family and friends.

He was a Korean veteran in the U.S. Army but seldom spoke of the war except to say that he was a gunner and was responsible for making sure supplies got through to his fellow soldiers.

Roy was an avid hunter until his health made it impossible for him to participate. He loved to travel the logging roads and reminisce with his sons about the days when he hunted the same areas as a young man.

He enjoyed shuffleboard, snooker and a good horseshoe game. He also camped and traveled with his wife. He

loved to dance and listen to music. One of his favorite songs was Chet Atkins' *Rosemarie*. He named his eldest daughter after this song.

He was preceded in death by his son, Patrick Downey; a newborn daughter, Rosemarie; brothers, Melvin Downey and Kenneth Downey-Blacketer; and his wife, Charlene Downey.

He is survived by his children, Michael Downey of Lyons, Ore., Rebecca Williams of Scotts Mills, Ore., Penny Barclay of Depoe Bay, Ore., Scott Downey of Mill City, Ore., Brenda West of Sandy, Ore., and Kathleen Murders of Redmond, Ore.; stepchildren, John Greer and Linda Allen of Wichita, Kan., Linda Blaser of Mill City, and Lorna Keyes, Angela Dominguez, David Greer, Mel Greer and Brenda Massey, all of Salem; siblings, Ila Hoiness of Longview, Wash., Martha Lockhart, Peter Downey, Blanche Tyler, Deanna Howell and Charlotte Noble, all of Siletz, and Tom Downey of Newport; 18 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; eight step-grandchildren; three step-great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

A memorial service was held Jan. 4 at Downey Hall in Siletz, followed by a potluck at the Siletz Tribal Community Center. His final resting place will be with his parents in the Siletz VFW Cemetery.

Bateman Funeral Home handled arrangements.

Florence Griggs – 1920-2012

Sister Francella Mary (Florence Griggs) died at the Marie-Rose Center at Mary's Woods in Lake Oswego, Ore., on Jan. 7, 2012. She was 91. She was a member of the Sisters of the Holy Names for 71 years.

Sister Francella was the daughter of Lloyd Manley and Amanda West Griggs, born on Feb. 5, 1920, the older of their two daughters.

Her childhood would seem to an outsider to have been a sad one, for her father died when she was 3 and her mother died when she was 9. Their mother was admitted to the tuberculosis hospital in Salem the same day as her two little daughters left their home in Siletz to enter Christie School. Their mother had the happiness of seeing them in their First Communion dresses just before she died.

Sister Francella, in her customary optimistic way, remembered happily the care and advice her mother gave her and enjoyed the school and sisters at Christie, where she stayed until her senior year of high school. After graduating from St. Mary's in Medford, Ore., she entered the Holy Names novitiate and made her first profession of vows on her 23rd birthday.

After earning a bachelor's degree in English and Spanish, Sister Francella went on to become a much-loved high school teacher at Holy Names Academy in Seattle and Holy Names Academy in Spokane, both in Washington; and at Sacred Heart Academy in Salem, St. Mary's High School in Eugene, Star of the Sea in Astoria and St. Mary's Academy in Portland, all in Oregon.

At least three Holy Names sisters feel they owe their vocations to Sister Francella's example. A wonderful correspondent, she kept in touch with many of her pupils through the years.

In the late 1960s, she turned her attention to her cultural roots. The Tribe to which her family belonged, the Siletz, had been terminated decades before. She joined a commission that, with the help of Sen. Mark Hatfield and other Oregon congressmen, resulted in re-establishing the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians.

She became an esteemed Elder and the oldest member of the Tribe, and served as the grand marshal of the Tribe's pow-wow parade several years ago.



Courtesy photo by Maria Westervelt

Sister Francella attends the Elders Christmas Gathering in December 2011.

In her work she assumed some prestigious positions, including executive director of the Portland Urban Indian Program, on the board of the Native American Rehabilitation Association (NARA) and professor in the Indian Center at Eastern State University in LaGrande.

Every student was important to her - from fourth-graders in New Mexico to minority students at Jefferson High School in Portland. She spent many years in the Southwest working with American Indian and Hispanic children.

In the Holy Names community, Sister Francella was noted for her cheerful, unflappable personality, her good humor, appreciation of all God's creatures and complete trust in God's love and guidance. She was always ready to help and always ready for a good time.

Sister Francella is survived by family members, the Siletz Tribe and members of her religious community. Remembrances may be made to the Holy Names Sisters Foundation, P.O. Box 411, Marylhurst, OR 97036.

A Mass of Christian burial was held Jan. 18 in the Provincial House Chapel. She was buried with her Tribal family on the Siletz Reservation.

Arrangements entrusted to the care of Riverview Abbey in Portland.

Medicare Part B, Part D notice

Medicare Part B and Part D premiums have increased. Those who currently are enrolled and receiving reimbursement must send a copy of their premium to Wendi Schamp at the Siletz Community Health Clinic as soon as they receive notice.

You can mail it to Siletz Clinic, Attn: Wendi, P.O. Box 320, Siletz, OR 97380 or fax it to 541-444-9678.

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Interior selected the members after a public solicitation for nominations and, in consultation with trust beneficiaries, evaluated the candidates on the basis of their expertise and experience in such areas as government and trust, financial, asset and natural resource management. Members were selected in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act and will serve without compensation.

Within 24 months, the commission is expected to complete a comprehensive evaluation of Interior's management and administration of the trust assets and offer recommendations of how to improve in the future.

Salazar's announcement came in advance of the third White House Tribal Nations Conference on Dec. 2 at the Department of Interior. The conference brought together leaders from the 565 federally recognized Tribes to hear from President Obama and build upon the administration's commitment to strengthen the government-to-government relationship with Tribal nations.

Salazar established the framework for the commission in a 2009 secretarial order, which addressed the department's future responsibilities for trust manage-

ment after the Cobell settlement agreement set forth resolution of a class action lawsuit regarding the U.S. government's trust management and accounting of individual American Indian trust accounts and resources. The Cobell settlement will be effective when all appeals are resolved.

Under federal law, Interior is responsible for managing 56 million surface acres and 57 million acres of subsurface mineral estates for 384,000 Individual Indian Money (IIM) accounts and about 2,900 Tribal accounts (more than 250 Tribes). Tribal trust assets include land, timber, grazing, oil, gas and mineral resources. More information is available at doi.gov/ost/about_ost/facts.html.

On trust lands, the department manages about \$3.9 billion in trust funds and more than 109,000 leases. For fiscal year 2011, funds from leases, use permits, land sales and income from financial assets, totaling about \$400 million, were collected for about 384,000 open IIM accounts. About \$609 million was collected in fiscal year 2011 for about 2,900 Tribal accounts. There are currently 156,596 individual Indian land allotments and more than 4.7 million fractionated interests.

STBC offers entrepreneur class

Any Tribal member interested in taking a course on how to start a business should contact Stephen Larrabee at the Siletz Tribal Business Corporation. He can be reached via phone at 541-994-2142 or 877-564-7298 and by e-mail at slarrabee@stbcorp.net.

CTSI Jobs

Tribal employment information is available at ctsi.nsn.us.

Note: "Open Until Filled" vacancies may close at any time. The Tribe's Indian Preference policy will apply. Tribal government will not discriminate in selection because of race, creed, age, sex, color, national origin, physical handicap, marital status, politics, membership or non-membership in an employee organization.

CTSI constantly is looking for temporary employees to cover vacancy, vacations, maternity leave and extended sick leave. If you are retired, a homemaker or a student and are looking for temporary work that can last from two weeks to 12 weeks, please submit a temporary application for the temp pool.