

Roscoe (Rocky) Leroy Baptiste – 1929-2013

Roscoe Leroy Baptiste passed over to be with his ancestors on Oct. 16. He was born May 9, 1929, to Joseph Louis Baptiste and Rose Marvel (Copaugh) Baptiste in Pawhuska, Okla., on the Osage Reservation.

He was a proud member of the Potawatomi Tribe and was the regional representative for the Tribe for 10 years. After retiring from being the representative, he continued to represent his culture in his participation at local pow-wows. He enjoyed Gourd Dancing and teaching his culture to the young ones.

He is a descendant of Louis Pahies (Pawese?) (Wab Che Qwa) Baptiste and Chief Joseph (Wam goe see) Laframboise (his third great-grandfather) and Theresa E. Peltier of Michigan on his mother's side.

Roscoe served in the Navy Seabees during the Korean War. He helped build an air strip on Guam. He blamed the heat and the Navy hat for his bald head.

He asked Maxine Reid of Toledo, Ore., to marry him for the third time and she said yes. He said, "OK, I've got a 10-day leave." They got married on March 17, 1951. They took their honeymoon on a motorcycle and lost his wallet out of his back pocket, which had his military pass in it. He had to spend time in the brig for that.

He was a construction millwright for the union and worked on power plants. One job was in Page, Ariz., where he befriended some Navajo co-workers and learned how to make silver and turquoise

jewelry from them. The girls in the family sure enjoyed that.

He worked as a golf course superintendent for many golf courses around Oregon, including two in McMinnville, the Michelbook Country Club and The Bayou. He picked up on the golfing hobby quickly.

He enjoyed the times his sons and sons-in-law would get together for family golf tournaments on Father's Day. And some of the highlights in his life included spending time golfing with his nephews, Murriel Jr., Louis Jr., Sam and Thomas Leroy.

He enjoyed hunting with his sons, camping in an old wall canvas tent with a wood-burning stove, like his dad and mom did. But through the years, as it got harder to trek through the woods, he took up bench target shooting and building his own bench guns. He won many trophies that were displayed all through his room. He loved the outdoors, camping and fishing with the family.

Rocky couldn't pass up a garage sale, always finding something Mom "needed" in the kitchen or something for his children. He told Maxine once that he always wanted to give her the world, so he bought her a world globe. Rocky was always quick with a joke and loved to tease the grandkids.

He has left a very rich legacy of love and fond memories not only for his family, but also many friends.

Roscoe Leroy Baptiste was placed to rest Nov. 1 at Willamette National Cemetery with full military honors.



Courtesy photo

Roscoe (Rocky Leroy Baptiste)

He was preceded in death by his parents and four brothers, Joseph Edward, John Reginald, Merle Lloyd and Louis Divonnis.

He is survived by his wife, Maxine Eileen (Reid) Baptiste; daughter, Regena Rose Story; son, Joseph Louis Baptiste; daughter, Ramona and husband, Kevin Kruger; son, Steven Leroy and wife, Darci Baptiste; daughter, Rebecca Cecilia and husband, Bill Davidson; 13 grandchildren; 22½ great-grandchildren; and a "little bear" (Mko), the dog who barks too much.

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2. Announcements for permanent and summer temporary intern positions with the U.S. Forest Service are posted on USAJobs now. Apply for the jobs that interest you and are in your field of study. If you are American Indian, please self-identify on your application. You need to apply for these jobs immediately – like this week.
3. Announcements for permanent and summer temporary intern positions with the Bureau of Indian Affairs were posted on USAJobs starting in December. Remember that the BIA uses "Indian Preference" in its hiring process. If you are not American Indian, you might consider other government agencies – BIA only hires non-Natives if a qualified American Indian applicant is not available.



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Jan. 9

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