



Ronald Bruce Butler Sr. – 1938-2019

Navy veteran Ronald Bruce Butler Sr. of Siletz, Ore., passed on May 28, 2019. He is the son of Alton Ivan Butler and Ella Simmons. He was born Aug. 21, 1938, in Siletz. After high school, Ronald served as a combat veteran in Vietnam. After coming home, he became a logger for a timber company. Ronald was married to Sharon and together they had a family, including their son, Ronald Jr. Sharon passed away before Ronald. A funeral service was held at the Siletz Tribal Community Center on June 7.

Duane William Endres – 1944-2019

Duane William Endres of Siletz, Ore., passed on May 20, 2019. He is the grandson of Dewey Washington. He was born on Aug. 2, 1944. He worked at Chinook Winds Casino Resort for many years and had a smile for everyone. A Celebration of Life was held on May 25 at Siletz Dance House, followed by a graveside ceremony at the Paul Washington Cemetery.

Russell Sherman Gilbert – 1961-2019

Russell Sherman Gilbert of Grand Ronde, Ore., passed on May 9, 2019. He was born May 30, 1961, in Cottage Grove, Ore. to Russell A. and Martina Gilbert. His grandparents were Martin “Al” Curl and Juanita Agatha Curl. Russell grew up in Cottage Grove, Creswell and Coos Bay. He had two brothers, Joseph and Willie, and two sisters, Midge and Chiquita. Russell had five children – Diedra Alexander-Bybee, Kayla Burcham, Makayla Gilbert, Samantha Gilbert and Shayanne Gilbert – and eight grandchildren. Russell loved to fish and hunt and was living in Crescent, where he loved to fish in Crescent Lake. He also liked to make Indian jewelry and dreamcatchers, and was an accomplished artist. Viewing and visitation were held at the West Valley Funeral Home in Sheridan, Ore., on May 17. Funeral services were held May 18 at the Grand Ronde Tribal gym in Grand Ronde. Burial took place at the Curl Family Cemetery in Otis, Ore.

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Charlotte DePoe-Herz – 1935-2019

Charlotte DePoe-Herz passed on May 20, 2019, in the company of her family. She was born in Ft. Totten, N.D., to William DePoe Sr. and Marie Bedells DePoe, the oldest of five children: Bill, Ron, Pete and Ilene. Charlotte and her family moved to Neah Bay, Wash., when she was 5 years old. She was a loving mother, daughter, sister, auntie, grandmother, great-grandmother and friend. Charlotte was a traditionalist who smoked and canned salmon, elk and deer. She taught her children and grandsons, passing on the old ways. She was an advocate for Native rights during the Judge Boldt era. She helped the Neah Bay community and high school with raising funds for critical programs. She supported the Canoe Paddle from Neah Bay to Vancouver Island, Canada. She also represented the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians at the National All Elder Conference in Albuquerque, N.M. She loved music, casinos, shopping, traveling, visiting, food and sharing time with her family and friends. There was never a dull moment when you were around Auntie. She even climbed Mt.

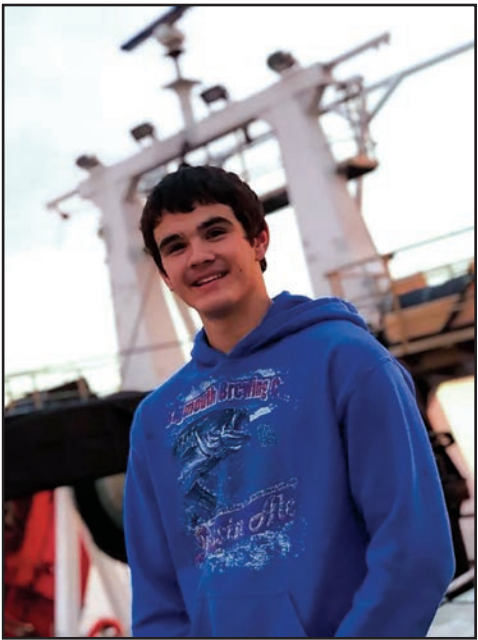


Courtesy photo
Charlotte DePoe-Herz

Rainier in Washington and ice climbed on the Mendenhall Glacier in Alaska. Charlotte is survived by her daughter, Vicky, and sons, Chey’ese and Sequoia, 14 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren, as well as many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her son, Michael.

Robert Shea Thompson-Kirkland – 2003-2019

Robert Shea Thompson-Kirkland, 16, passed away June 5, 2019, in auto accident along Logsdan Road. He was born Feb. 13, 2003. Robert was a sophomore at Toledo High School with a passion for anything that had a motor. Often he could be found riding a quad, his motorcycle, one of his trucks around, fishing and in general just living his life to the fullest possible. Most of all, however, he always and forever wanted to be a logger or a fisherman, following in the footsteps of his grandfather, father and uncle. Robbie, a natural born tinkerer, had a way of finding his way outside to keep his hands busy with fun and discovery. Robert leaves behind much of his family with his passing: Christina and Jack McCord (parents); Joshua Kirkland (father); Acha Kirkland (sister); Kimberly and Kenneth Thompson (grandparents); Diane Kirkland (grandmother); Max Hill (step-brother); Kayla Whyte (step-sister); Krysten McCord (step-sister); Kenyon McCord (step-brother); Merit Green (great-grandfather); Virginia Thompson (great-grandmother); uncle Kenneth



Courtesy photo
Robert Shea Thompson-Kirkland

Thompson (Marilyn); aunt Katie and Ryan Thomas; and countless additional aunts, uncles and cousins. A Celebration of Life was held June 15 at the Siletz Tribal Community Center. “You will always be remembered with that twinkle in your brown eyes and your big, bright smile”

Volunteers needed to cut firewood for elders

The Natural Resources Department periodically receives inquiries from Tribal elders asking if there is anyone who would be willing to cut Tribal firewood for them. We are starting a list of volunteers willing to cut firewood for Tribal elders and a list of elders who want someone to cut firewood for them.

If you fit either category, please call the Natural Resources Department – Denise Garrett at 541-444-8227, Mike Kennedy at 541-444-8232 or either at 800-922-1399. We will then pair up volunteer firewood cutters and elders in need.

Please note, this is a volunteer activity. No one will be paid to perform this service and elders should not be charged anything to receive firewood.

A Tribal firewood permit is required and is issued by Natural Resources.