



James Robert Swanson – 1938-2021

James (Jim) Robert Swanson walked on March 6, 2021, due to complications from Parkinson's disease. He was 82.

Jim is survived by his wife of 38 years, Cheryl, and a brother, Byron, who lives in Tucson, Ariz.

Jim was born in Seattle, Wash., and grew up in Portland, Ore. He moved with his family to Missouri in 1954 where, after graduating from Webster Groves High School, he joined the Marine Corps.

Jim attended Reed College in Portland and the University of Oregon in Eugene. He was a lifelong and devoted University of Oregon Ducks fan.

During his career, he worked as a math teacher in the McKenzie, Eugene and Springfield school districts. In 1969, Jim was hired as the measurement, research and evaluation specialist for the Lane Education Service District (ESD). After his position was eliminated, Jim was elected to the Lane ESD Board of Directors, serving as a countywide representative on the board for 22 years.

After he retired, Jim volunteered for many years as a math tutor for American Indian students through the Eugene 4J Natives Program and volunteered at the



Courtesy photo

James Robert Swanson

annual summer camp for Native students. Being involved with this program was always near and dear to his heart and a very important part of his life.

Jim served on the Siletz Elders Council as a representative for Lane, Linn and Benton counties. He was active in the Eugene Siletz community and participated in many activities offered through the Siletz office in Eugene.

Jim will be remembered as a kind and gentle man, and will be missed by many.

Native Americans in Tech Mixer

Join the inaugural Native Americans in Tech mixer on May 12 at 5 p.m. over Zoom. We're creating a decolonized space for American Indians who work in tech or want to.

This community is exclusively for indigenous people of North America.

This event will feature an overview of the initiative, talks by American Indians working in tech and a chance for "face-to-face" networking over Zoom facilitated by Erin Grace (Chetco, Tututni) and Court Morse (Chippewa, Ojibwe, Anishinaabeg).

We will have ASL interpretation and live closed-captioning throughout.

Sign up at pdxwit.org/upcoming-events/2021/5/12/native-americans-in-tech-mixer.

Agenda

- 5:00 p.m. – Zoom Webinar Open/Virtual Networking
- 5:05 p.m. – Introductions + Announcements
- 5:10 p.m. – Lightning Talks
- 5:30 p.m. – Networking
- 6:15 p.m. – Event ends



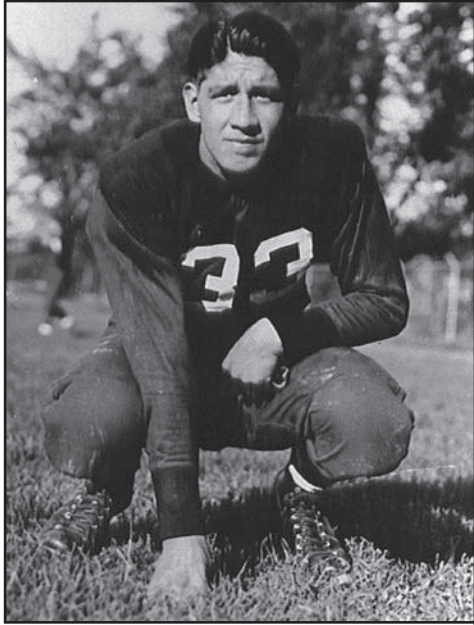
Stuart seeking Siletz athlete stories

Do you have a story to tell or know a Siletz Tribal member or descendent who was an outstanding athlete?

I have some Siletz Tribal member stories so far of people who played university sports, played a lifetime of a sport or had amazing athletic accomplishments in high school. I want to create a book that your children and my son can read that has people who look like them and stories to which they can aspire.

Thank you to everyone who has corresponded so far. Please email me at siletztiffanydawn@gmail.com with your story or information.

Tiffany Stuart
Siletz Tribal member



Courtesy photo from American Indian Athletic Hall of Fame (aiahof.com)

Art Bensell (Siletz), 1987, American Indian Athletic Hall of Famer



Siletz Tribal Youth Council!
May 16th
11:00am
Via Zoom



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Youth Council is for ages 12 to 24. Middle School, High School, & Higher-Ed students welcome!

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