

administration's "strong support" for the restoration act. In the same hearing, the State of Oregon provided testimony opposing the Hatfield bill.

The Siletz people should always remember that when our own state opposed our restoration as an Indian Tribe, President Carter and his administration supported us. Despite our challenges with the State of Oregon over restoration, the Hatfield bill was ultimately passed by Congress and signed into law by President Carter on Nov. 18, 1977.

I remember that day very well. Interior Secretary Cecil Andrus sent a telegram to then Tribal Chairman Art Bensell stating, "I am pleased that the restoration of the Siletz provides concrete evidence that this administration adheres to a policy of Indian self-determination."

And so it did.

President Carter worked with an energetic Congress on the enactment of significant legislation that benefits all Indians. This includes the American Indian Religious Freedom Act, which pledged the United States "to protect and preserve for American Indians their inherent freedom to believe, express and exercise the traditional religions of the American Indian, Eskimo, Aleut and Native Hawaiians, including but not limited to the access to sites, use and possession of sacred objects, and the freedom to worship through ceremonies and traditional rites."

The "Tribally Controlled Community College Assistance Act, which provided grants for the operation of junior colleges on Indian reservations in order "to insure continued and expanded educational opportunities for Indian students."

The Indian Child Welfare Act was designed to halt the traumatic removal of Indigenous children from their homes through fostering and adoption.

For Siletz, we hope that our partners in the White House and Congress have the personal integrity of Jimmy Carter. In dark times, he was one of our few friends and we will always be grateful for him and all that has been possible in the Restoration of Siletz as a Tribe and a people.

The Siletz Tribal Housing Department

Encourages Tribal Members to apply for the Low-Income Rental Program waiting list. Applications can be obtained at any Tribal area office or online from the Tribal website – ctsi.nsn.us; follow links – Tribal Services-Housing-Low Rent Apartments & Home Ownership. Questions? Call 800-922-1399, ext. 1322, or 541-444-8322; fax: 541-444-8313.



Leon Metcalf 1953-2025

Leon Metcalf was born Aug. 12, 1953, in Toledo, Ore., to Willard Metcalf and Clara (Palomino) Towner.

Leon was a lifetime resident of Siletz, Ore. He spent many years logging and eventually got a job at Georgia Pacific, where he retired in 2009.

Those who know Leon know his love of sports. He was an outstanding baseball player and he was one of the all-time greatest softball players, coach and fan.

His deepest love was for his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.



Doris Jo Sanders 1965-2024

Rest in paradise to a beautiful Indian mother and caregiver, Doris Jo Sanders, who was born Dec. 6, 1965, and went to the land of everlasting happiness and peace on Oct. 15, 2024.

She struggled in this world, being abandoned and abused by the men in her life and having to raise seven children on her own. But she did just that – raised us, showed us love and created a home from the little that she had. She always made sure we had gifts and food in our belly. She was selfless.

She will always be the strongest woman I've known. Her spirit is free and everlasting, and lives in every loving mother. *xwii-naa-ghitlh-t'e sri'-tr'aa-ma*

CTSI Jobs

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 looking for temporary work that can last from 2-12 weeks, please submit an application for the temp pool.



Nancy L. Simmons 1934-2024

Beloved mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, auntie and friend, Nancy L. (Butler) Simmons passed away peacefully at her home surrounded by her family on Dec. 16, 2024. The daughter of Ella Brown and Alton Ivan Butler, Nancy was born in Siletz, Ore., on Oct. 2, 1934, and it was here in Siletz where she grew up, married and raised her family.

Nancy was laid to rest Dec. 23, 2024, at the Paul Washington Cemetery in Siletz, surrounded by her family and friends.

Nancy was preceded in death by her parents, Ella and Alton; her siblings, Nathaniel Butler, Delmar Butler Sr., Ronald Butler Sr., Alfred "Buck" Butler Sr., Elaine Thomas, Darwin Simmons, Calvin Simmons Jr., Leonda "Babe" Simmons and Elouise Case.

Nancy is survived by her "girls" as she lovingly referred to the three-some: Cheryl (Bud) Lane, Kelly (Brett) Lane and Allison Simmons; nephew, Gary Butler; grandchildren, Alissa Lane, Buddy Lane and Brett Lane Jr.; great-grandchildren, Halli Lane-Skaug and Boden Lane; her brothers, Reginald Butler Sr., Donald Simmons Sr., Lenford Simmons and Charles Butler; sisters, Patricia Fredrickson and Sylvia Butler; her many nieces and nephews; and the numerous Head Start students who still call her Grandma Nancy.

Nancy's family would like to extend a special thank you to Siletz Community Health Clinic staff for all the loving care they provided; to the Tribal Public Works Department for the set-up and take-down of tables, bleachers and canopies; and to Celesta Lee, Jessica Garcia, Angela Ramirez and Jenifer Metcalf for the seamless running of the kitchen.

Most Often Requested Numbers

Confederated Tribes of Siletz
Indians – 800-922-1399

Salem Area Office
503-390-9494

Portland Area Office
503-238-1512

Eugene Area Office
541-484-4234

Purchased Referred Care (PRC)
800-628-5720

Tribal Veterans Rep
541-272-9054

Siletz Community Health Clinic
800-648-0449

Siletz Behavioral Health
800-600-5599

Chinook Winds Casino Resort
888-244-6665

Chemawa Health Clinic
800-452-7823

Bureau of Indian Affairs
800-323-8517

Website – www.ctsi.nsn.us