

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



TO THE EDITOR:

The recent passing of Mary Jean Downey, a former school-mate and nearby neighbor in Portland for many years, was a very sad occasion for all of us.

She was one of those people who always seemed to be doing the "right thing", caring for and successfully raising a good and model family. A "strong" person, she was described by the minister at her services as the "hub" of her family. The example she set in her lifetime is one that we all should strive to live by.

Mary Jean was fortunate to have as a partner and husband, Everett--most people call him "Buck".

His contribution to his family was equally commendable and continues so. He was with his wife attending to her during a long period of illness spanning several years. Yet, at the same time he always found time to help other people in their time of need. Everett, down through the years, has been the equivalent of a "one-man Indian service" for countless numbers of people in diverse needs. I know of no other single individual who has done more.

We will miss seeing Mary Jean with Everett at the local Fred Meyer store where we often ran into each other shopping.

The family of Everett and Mary Jean, also all successful people, have been left an indelible legacy from their mother -- an example of how a good family life should be lived, and a legacy for all the rest of us.

Sincerely,

Joe Lane Sr.

DEAR EDITOR:

I am currently on the Board of Directors, National Indian Council on Aging, for the Portland Area, representing the Elder Indians of Oregon, Washington and Idaho.

I am deeply concerned about the fact that there is no action taken by our Tribes to send a delegation of our Elders to the up-coming National Indian Conference on Aging to be held August 15-16 at Nashville, Tennessee's Opryland Hotel!! I've contacted the appropriate Council people in December 1989, was present at the February '90 General Council announcing the "Doings" and did everything but tap dance down Main Street trying to get the right attention.

Maybe I talked with the wrong Chiefs.

I know that there are interested people that want to go - so why not send them?

Thank You,

Gilbert Towner

HAPPY 39TH BIRTHDAY

Margo Norton. Hope you have many more to come...you're still older!

Robbie, Ang,
Dale and William



GUESS WHO'S 39!!!
Happy 39th Birthday Robbie!!

Love,
Angella, Dale & William

Letters to the Editor

All letters received will be printed. Please type or write legible; no profane language will be printed. All letters must include your name and address. Send letters to: Siletz News, P.O. Box 549, Siletz, Oregon 97380.

PLEASE NOTE: The General Manager of the Siletz Tribe is the Chief Editor of the Siletz Newsletter.

IN MEMORIAL

MARY JEAN DOWNEY

Mary Jean Downey was born to Henry Goodell and Minnie Miller Goodell on December 20, 1922 in Siletz, Oregon. She died at home in Portland on June 29, 1990.

Mary Jean and Everett (Buck) Downey were married in Vancouver, Washington on April 26, 1941. They resided in Portland for the past 26 years.

Survivors include her husband, Everett (Buck) Downey; brother, Edmond Goodell; Sisters, Margaret Noack and Cynthia Murrow; sons, Everett (Bud) Downey, Tim P. Downey, and Henry G. Downey; daughters, Jolynn Conover and Denise Kraxberger; eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; uncles, Mike Miller, Tim Miller, Jim Miller and Everett Miller; and one aunt, Diane Simanowicz.

Services were performed by Reverend James Coleman at the Chapel of Wilhelm Funeral Home, Tuesday July 3, 1990 at 11:30 p.m. Additional services were performed at Willamette National Cemetery by Chaplain Diane Bagues and Bob Tom who sang a memorial song and accompanied himself on a hand drum.

ESTHER DELORES BELL EASTER

Esther Delores Bell Easter was born to Arthur Bell and Angeline Rippin Bell in Logsden, Oregon on December 30, 1939. She died in Eugene, Oregon on July 8, 1990.

Esther was raised in Siletz, Oregon. She was a member of the Assembly of God Church and the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians.

She was united in marriage to Walter Easter at the Assembly of God Church on December 2, 1950.

She had been a resident of Springfield, Oregon for the past Thirty-three years.

Survivors include her husband, Walter Easter; three daughters, Caroline Easter, Carlene Easter and Corliss Attebury; two sons, Ralph Easter and Calvin Easter; one son-in-law, Ray Attebury; one brother, Delbert Bell; three sisters, Rose Hudson, Pauline Ricks and Clarice Mcknight, all of Springfield, Oregon; seven grandchildren, Issacc Easter and Lisa Easter both of Oakridge, Oregon, Angeline Easter, Delight Attebury, EmmyLou Attebury, Troy Attebury, and Edith Attebury; two great-grandchildren; and thirteen nieces and nephews all of Springfield, Oregon.

A wake was held at the Tribal Center in Siletz from 7:00 p.m. July 10 until 2:00 p.m. July 11.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. July 11 at the Siletz Tribal Center with Reverend Roy Woods officiating and Reverend Vernon Brown assisting. Interment was at Paul Washington Cemetery.

MARIE ROSE EDWARDS

Marie Rose Edwards was born to Manuel and Marie Charley Lawson in Toledo, Oregon on October 4, 1955. She died in Seattle, Washington on July 17, 1990 at thirty-four years of age.

At the time of her death, Marie was a student attending a trade school in Seattle, Washington.

She had attended High School in Siletz, Oregon; and was a member of the Confederated Tribes of the Siletz Indians of Oregon.

Survivors include her mother, Marie Fuller of Portland; one son, Darold Edwards of Siletz; one daughter, Tina Edwards of Siletz; one brother, Franklin Charley of Siletz; a sister, Darleen Smith of Siletz; and an uncle, George Charley of Portland.

Funeral Services were held at the Siletz Tribal Center, Siletz, Oregon on July 25, 1990 with Pastor Alfred Burkey officiating. Interment was at Paul Washington Cemetery, Siletz, Oregon.