

In Loving Memory



Matthew Williams, Jr.

Tribal member Matthew Williams, Jr. 62, of Siletz died January 3, 1994 at Providence Hospital in Medford.

Matt was born in Siletz on November 25, 1931 to Matthew and Agatha Brown Williams. He was a life long resident of Siletz and had been employed as a security guard for the Tribe for the past three years.

He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict and was stationed at Honolulu, Hawaii.

Matt married Connie Hackney in Goldendale, Washington on July 2, 1955.

Matt is survived by his wife; daughters, Kathy Messer of Pendleton, Rhonda Ramsey, Roxanne Elkins, Robina Baker, and Wendy Wawrak all of Siletz; sons, Matthew R. of Eugene, Oregon and Rory of Toledo; two sisters, Geneva D. Johnson and Connie James of Portland, Oregon; twenty three grandchildren, and five great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, January 8, 1994 beginning at 2:00 p.m. at the Assembly of God Church in Siletz, Oregon with Pastor John Bennett officiating. Selene Rilatos-Lynch sang Amazing Grace. Bearers were Matt Williams, Rory Williams, Mike Elkins, B.J. Wawrak, A.B. Williams, and Eugene Williams, Jr.

Interment followed at Paul Washington Cemetery on Government Hill in Siletz.



Retha R. "Sweetie" Waldrep

Tribal member Retha R. "Sweetie" Waldrep, aged 90 years of Toledo, Oregon died at Pacific Communities Hospital in Newport, Oregon on Wednesday, December 29, 1993.

She was born in Toledo, Oregon on May 26, 1903 to Frank W. and Rachel M. Brown Carson. She had been a life long resident of Toledo.

She was a member of the Toledo Eagles Aerie #2219.

Retha was preceded in death by her husband, Arthur Waldrep. She is survived by her nieces, Mary Viles of Prineville, Oregon, Jane John of Salem, Oregon, Joan Richardson of Lincoln City, Oregon, Genevieve Moody of Portland, Oregon, Alice Eggersglass of Portland, Oregon, Virgene Blair of St. Helens, Oregon, Rachel Smith of St. Helens, Oregon; nephews, William Service of Union City, California, Glynn Carson of Corvallis, Oregon, Allen McClintock of Vancouver, Washington, and Kenneth "Kit" Blair of Milwaukie, Oregon.

Graveside services were held at Paul Washington Cemetery in Siletz, Oregon on Sunday, January 2, 1994 at 2:00 p.m.

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Keyboarding

Interesting in Keyboarding? We need 10 pre-registrations to start the class. Please contact Rena Philbrook at 444-4263 to sign up. Instructor will be Bonnie Weaver. Class will be held at the Siletz School two nights a week.

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OIEA 19th Annual Oregon Indian Education Association Conference will be held April 13-15 1994 at the Shilo Inn Oceanfront Resort in Newport, Oregon. Students and parents, if you would like to attend this conference, please call Rena Philbrook for registration at 444-4263.

Also, we have been invited to attend an OSU campus orientation on January 28th. They will be hosting a luncheon so they will need to know how many will be attending. This is for Native American Students and parents. If you are interested in attending this orientation, please call Rena as soon as possible.

Dance Practice

Craig Whitehead and Rena Philbrook will be having dance practice Monday nights at the Community Center from 6:30-8:00. If you are interested please call Rena at 444-4263. Parent presence is requested. Thank You!

Open Your Heart & Your Home for the Children

A boy caught some tadpoles in the creek,
The tadpoles died. The boy asked his uncle about it,

"The tadpoles gotta eat," said his uncle.

The boy caught some more tadpoles.

That night he gave them his leftover dinner.

The tadpoles died. He told his uncle.

"Tadpoles gotta have tadpole food," the uncle said.

The boy caught some more tadpoles and fed them some tadpole food.

The tadpoles died. The boy asked his uncle about it.

"Tadpoles gotta have clean water," said his uncle.

The boy caught some more tadpoles.

Two days later the cat ate them.

Before his uncle could say anything, the boy

said, "I know, I know. Tadpoles gotta be safe."

"You're learning," said his uncle.

Siletz Tribal Members, do you have room in your heart and in your home to help our Tribal children in troubled times? We need your help to recruit foster home caregivers for our kids in times of need. Patient, loving, able persons please apply to find out if you qualify for placing one or more children into your home in appropriate times. If you think you would like to, consider it! Yes, it is a big step, but consider the reward of knowing you were there for a child who may otherwise "slip through the cracks". Would you want your child placed in a home like yours? Our tribal kids deserve a wholesome, nurturing home where they would not be culturally hindered, or treated different because of their heritage. They need to have a sense of belonging, they need security, and they need to be nurtured. For more information please contact: Siletz Social Services Indian Child Welfare Department at PO Box 549, Siletz, Oregon 97380 or call 1-503-444-4237, 1-503-444-4302 or toll free 1-800-922-1399.

HIP Program Update

AVAILABLE: Energy Assistance in Salem Area, Contact Randolph Kessinger, Energy Organization at (503) 585-8491 for information about energy assistance in the Salem Area.

AVAILABLE: A grant in the amount of \$7,500.00 in Lincoln County is also available, please contact Brenda Nelson, Bank of Newport at (503) 265-6666, or the HIP Program Coordinator, Howard Roy, at (503) 444-4290 or 1-800-922-1399, for more information about these available funds.

FMHA LOANS & GRANTS: Available through the FMHA Program in Tangent. Grants and loans for rural qualified residents, contact Tom Simmonson in Tangent (503) 967-5919.

NOTE: If you are unable to receive assistance through any of these, contact your local community action program in your community.

UPCOMING HIP COMMITTEE MEETING: There is tentatively scheduled a HIP Committee meeting at 4:30 p.m. at the Springfield Area Office, January 28, 1994. The last Friday in January.