

Friend, co-worker, family member remembered. . . .

Education department.

The Tribal Council wanted to start a local news paper and in 1976, a news paper was created where it operated with a staff of three people, the manager, the news coverage reporter and a darkroom specialist. The whole project was just a little too much for the short handed crew.

In January 1977, Spilyay Tymoo needed a reporter photographer and Donna applied and was selected to fill that position. Donna worked at that position until a vacancy of a photo/spec. where Donna took over that job in May of 1982.

Donna did the darkroom work and did writing until September of that same year, where she was moved up to the position as Assistant Editor. Donna held that position until April of 1994, when she was advanced to Managing

Editor, of Spilyay Tymoo.

During her employ here at Spilyay Tymoo Donna has contributed so many things and done a lot of traveling with the manager to meetings across the country. She accompanied her boss to Penn State University where several Indian Editors met for the first time to establish what is known today as NAJA. (Native American Indian Journalist Association).

All the work Donna has done for Spilyay will be missed, but who can win a battle with deadly Cancer. On April 15, Donna passed away at her home in Madras, Oregon.

A memorial service was held at the Presbyterian Church, here in Warm Springs, on April 19, with Rev. Rick Robero officiating. With this we all say, "Farewell."



Donna

How does one let go?
A friend, co-worker and relative,
one that liked to sew.
So many hearts you've touched thru
out the years,
Now you've left us with many,
many tears.
Tears of sadness, tears of gladness but most
of all tears of joy and love.
No more pain, no more sorrow, makes us
Thank God in heaven above!
You were one of a kind, no one can
take your place.
But you've finished with this ole world,
you've run a good race.
You leave 2 daughters and 2 grandchildren
precious as gems.
As we gaze upon their faces, we
can see you in them.
A loving mom and loving dad whose in our
prayers day and night,
An emptiness you've left but God will
fill it just right.
When you get thru those pearly gates,
look around and see who all awaits.
Grandpa Charlie, Grandma Georgie & Marsha
too,
give them a hug and a big "I love you!"
We'll miss you day in and day out.
But thank God you're in heaven
without a doubt.

Love & miss you,
Tina



Friend and co-worker will be missed

For thirteen years I've had the pleasure of knowing and working with Donna Behrend. I learned so much from her, not only professionally but on a personal level.

Donna was an excellent writer and enjoyed writing. She could express so much of herself by writing.

She set goals for herself to accomplish, using her writing skills and met those goals before her passing.

I feel like I watched her

daughters grow into adulthood. I saw the excitement in her as she became a grandmother.

We all shared stories about our children and our grandchildren at the Spilyay and we still do. We will miss her stories.

She was very supportive of me as I decided to quit abusing drugs and alcohol and was always there for me when I needed to bounce problems off of somebody. She always gave me good advice or made me feel like I was going to be okay.

I enjoyed travelling with her to training, in our free time we would shop. Saphronia outshopped us but that didn't discourage us.

I will miss her and her stories about her children and her stories about her grandchildren. My children will miss seeing her here and talking with her about school.

I will also miss her writings for our paper and the way she could express herself with her word usage.

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