

Howlak Tichum

Ronald R. Smith May 5, 1947 - July 4, 2008

Ronald R. Smith was born on May 5, 1947 and passed away on July 4, 2008 at age 61.

Ronnie was proud of his Native American heritage. He was half Grand Ronde and half Wasco/Warm Springs and was an enrolled member of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs.

Ronnie was a veteran, father, brother, uncle, cousin, grandpa and a friend to many. Ronnie served in the United States Army for ten years (from 1966 to 1976) and obtained sergeant major status. He was Special Forces and Green Beret. He was highly trained in several areas including electronic communications, medical, navy seals, as well as advanced army training. He served in the Vietnam War, Germany, Asia, South America and Africa.

As a young child, at age six, Ronnie took piano lessons, therein beginning his great love for music for the rest of his life. Ronnie was a professional musician for many, many years, specializing in keyboards. He also played all saxophones, bass guitar, clarinet and base clarinet.

Ronnie was associated with great entertainers during his life. He played with the Steve Miller Band between 1976-1980; Dione Warwick between 1980-82; played music for the Miss America pageant in 1981; Ke Kee Dee Band; Nicolett Larson; and Fat Chance Band in Portland. He also played in bands that opened for Lou Rawls, Band with Lito Manapul, Boyet Quiroz, Juhne Isip, Don Macala, and Eddie Constantino, managed by Andy Bayat.

Up until the last couple months of his life, Ronnie played with bands in the



Bend area with talented musicians, whom he admired and cared a lot about.

Ronnie kept contact with his family no matter where he was; always checking on them and staying in touch with what was happening at home.

Ronnie comes from a hardworking and respected family of aunts and uncles: Russell Smith and Ruthie; Rita and Earl Squiemphen; Alfred Smith Jr.; Wissie Smith; and Aunt Ginger Smith.

He is preceded in death by his father, atwai Roscoe Smith; his mother, atwai Rose Mary Smith; grandparents, atwai Alfred Smith Sr. and Lucinda Smith; grandparents, atwai Lawrence Smith St. and Gertrude Smith; as well as other aunts and uncles on both sides of the family.

Ronnie is survived by brother Darryl Smith, Kenneth Miller, Dennis Smith Sr., Robert Smith, Julian Smith, Eldred Smith and Kevin Smith Sr. His surviving sisters are Marcia Smith Soliz, Trudie Smith, Sharon Miller, Toni Made, Pam Cardenas, Joni Smith Aguilar, and Robin Smith, all of Warm Springs.

He has one daughter, Uilani Smith-Munoz, who resides in Washington. Also surviving are three grandchildren (Mario Munoz Jr., Ulyssa and Marena). Faye Waheneka, whom we affectionately refer to as our other mom and grandma also survives Ronnie.

Ronnie lived a full life. He

was truly a jack-of-all-trades. He was an artist in his younger years. He worked in the logging industry. He was a salesman. He was a radio disc jockey. He worked with computers and technology. He had very high mathematical skills and excellent writing skills. He volunteered his keyboard talents by playing for families at hospitals. He played for funerals, weddings, church services, fairs, gatherings and more.

Ronnie, like other people, had challenges in his life. He had a tremendous sense of humor. He easily made friends wherever he traveled and lived. He cared a lot about the people at the apartment complex where he lived in Bend.

In the end, he succumbed to an extended illness and was in great physical pain. Ronnie's funeral wish was to be taken care of in the traditional ways of his Tribe.

He was recognized and honored with full military services during the course of the funeral and burial. Ronnie was a humble person and appreciative of even the smallest things in life and lived a simple life.

It appears family and others learned a lot of positive things about Ronnie during the funeral services that he never spoke of. Family is forever grateful to the Creator for the privilege of having Ronnie in our lives and being part of our family. Although Ronnie has gone on, he is still impacting us—keeping values/standards we were taught, how important it is to take care of ourselves and to live a full life. Ronnie is very much loved and will be missed a lot. In the tribal way, a memorial will be held in one year.

Births

Angel Leah Boise

Young Boise and Sasha Caldera of Warm Springs are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter Angel Leah Boise on July 19, 2008.

The baby was born at 12:45 a.m. and weighed 6 pounds 10.4 ounces.

She is 20.5 inches tall.

Charmaine Cherish Chee

Charlie Chee Jr. and CHERILYN L. Starr of Warm Springs are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter Charmaine Cherish Chee, born on June 25, 2008, at St. Charles Medical Center.

Charmaine joins three sisters: Laura, Arianna and Charlene,

and a brother, Dallas.

Grandparents on the father's side are Charlie Chee Sr. and Greta Chee.

Grandparents on the mother's side are Samuel J. and Barbara Starr of Warm Springs.

Great grandparents are the late Wilkins "Popeye" Hellon and the late Louise Hellon.

Stone Setting and Memorial

Stone Setting for Mabel Eyle, and Memorial for Susanna Santos and Eligio Santos on Saturday, August 2.

Stone Setting will be at 10 a.m. at Simnasho and the Memorial will be immediately following the stone setting.

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