

Howlak Tichum

Calvin Wray Queahpama, "Kweahpama" "Wis-Tu-Eth" Bumstead,
October 10, 1940-August 29, 2008

Calvin passed away at 12:05 a.m. at St. Charles Medical Center, he battled courageously gallbladder cancer. Ceremonial services were conducted at the Simnasho Longhouse and interment at the Simnasho Cemetery on September 1, 2008. Surviving family are his wife of 43 years, Roberta Queahpama, son, Kyle Wray Queahpama. Son, Conrad Maurice Queahpama preceded Calvin.

Calvin's main hobby for many years was drag racing, starting from high school drags; his home track was Madras Drag Strip then transferred to Woodburn Drag Strip, Woodburn, Oregon. He campaigned small block Chevrolets and held nine national records, his pit crew comprised of his wife and sons.

He also teamed with AC Nutter and Allen Bowdish

and then later he remained independent.

Calvin's primary focus was traditional drumming where he maintained the patriarch male support for tribal family Quartz Creek Drum and main sponsor for Star Horse Drum. He danced in traditional War Bonnet Category in the northern U.S. and Canada areas. Calvin was a serious competitor in sports, traditional dancing, traditional singing and drag racing. A smile for everyone.

During his life, he attended Oceanside College, in Oceanside, California, majoring in elementary education and coaching. He lettered in college football, during college he paid for expenses as a short-order cook.

During his life he was a rancher, self-taught mechanic for farming and ranching equipment and the family mechanic. He worked for Portland General Electric for 37 years begin-

ning at Pelton Dam as a summer help, to Pelton and Round Butte Dams as a Dam Operator; and he trained as a Lineman then became a High-Line Electrician, a Line Crew Foreman and finally a Line Pole Setting Foreman.

Calvin's sisters Norene Queahpama, Anna Queahpama Clements, Nancy Queahpama (Charles) Tailfeathers and Grace Queahpama. Nephews: Eugene "Austin" Greene Jr., Craig "Joey" Tailfeathers, Anson (CR) Begay, Tom "Mackey" (Jodi) Begay, Dwight Satanus. Nieces: Eugenia (Monte) Greene, Bernie (Randy) Boise, Margie (Joe) Tuckta, Sandra (Jerry) Sampson, Graceline (Lawrence) Spino, Thelma "Ross" Alsup, and Christine Lewis. Many grand-nephews and grand-nieces and extended relatives.

2 national awards for W.S. police



Leslie Mitts/Spilyay

Tribal police chief Carmen Smith receives the award from Deirdre Wilson of the BIA.

The Warm Springs Police Department received two national awards from the Bureau of Indian Affairs this week.

Deirdre Wilson, supervising correctional specialist for the BIA office of Justice Services Correction Division, presented

the awards to Police Chief Carmen Smith, Bruce Fones and Don Robertson at Tribal Council on Monday.

The BIA awarded the Warm Springs Police Department with the 2007 Strength Award as well as the BIA Professional Stan-

dards Division top detention center award.

Wilson said that during a performance review Warm Springs received a score of 94 percent—the highest for all BIA detention programs in the nation for 2007.

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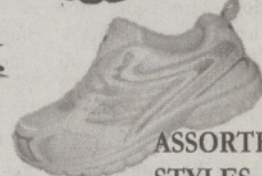
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