

Ceremony honors Ike-Thomas



Photo courtesy of LaVena Lovie Ike.

Family and friends gather at the Longhouse to honor Raylene Ike-Thomas

The family of Raylene "Ti-qux-ni" Ike-Thomas would like to thank all the following persons:

Raymond "Captain" Moody, officiator.

Loren Slockish, drummer-bell ringer, Warrior's Song.

Anthony Slockish, drummer, Warrior's Song.

Carlos Calica, drummer, Warrior's Song.

Wiggy Sooksoit, drummer, Warrior's Song.

Bro Lucas, drummer, Warrior's Song.

Bro Fred, Family speaker.

Mom, Cuth'la Daisy, Bernice Mitchell and Viola Kalama (Elders stood in with Raylene).

Tribal Councilman Austin Greene, Councilwomen Bernice Mitchell and Aurolyn Stwyer-Pinkham.

Andy Leonard and AG for PA system.

Sis, Lena, bro, Ty, adopted niece Bridgett, cuz-Agnes for additional giveaway items.

Char Herkshan and Suzie Slockish.

Blacklodge Singers John Scabbyrobe, Algin Scabbyrobe, Emerson "Poolo's" Scabbyrobe, Bro Fred and Gerald from Little Island Cree.

Angie White and kids (Edna and Andrea), Luana Robinson, Pam and Gerald (Jr.) Cardenas. Warm Springs Fish and Wild-

life-providing the salmon.

KWSO, Margie Kalama and William "Wilman" Robbins.

Flossie Wolfe for photos.

Beadworkers, seamstress, necklaces, crafts, shawl makers.

My family, son and youngest daughters, little sister and nieces, and adopted sister Emily Ponyah, Birney Greene-Boise, Archie Caldera, Larry "Taaw Lee Winch" Dick, Bridgett Scott-Whipple, Lovey Colwash, Val Lawrence-Fuiava, Linda Allen, Sonja Bryant, Agnes Lawrence-Arthur

And anyone else who made Raylene's ceremonies possible. Thomas Morningowl and Damien Totus were unable to attend the ceremonies due too the recent death in their immediate family.

John Scabbyrobe had composed a beautiful song especially for Raylene "Ti-qux-ni" for her use as she likes. The meaning was to stand up and celebrate

when she enters to honor and respect all of Raylene's accomplishments throughout life as a young Native USAF Soldier, former student athlete and jingle dress dancer.

We thank all the community members, family and friends who showed up for the ceremonies. If I forgot anyone, please know we hold you in our hearts. Our family told Raylene, remember who were all in attendance. Those people will be the ones you can rely on in the future. We didn't see any of our managers present, nor the VFW.

The Yakama Nation will be having their Annual Winter Round-dance in Raylene's honor on December 5-6 2008 at the Toppenish Community Center. The Yakama Nations Warrior Society will be there to honor Raylene as well. With a lot of love and respects, LaVena "Lovie" Ike and entire Ike Family.

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