

# Howlak Tichum

## Urbana Marie 'Toto' Ross



Urbana Marie "Toto" Ross, 61, passed on to the Creator at her home at Wolfe Point on Saturday, September 1, 2018.

She is survived by sons, Jacques Martinez of Las Vegas, Nevada and Joseph Martinez of Warm Springs and daughter, Monet Martinez of Eugene. She is also survived by granddaughters Jade and Spayne Martinez, of Chiloquin, Maleah Lehner of Eugene, grandson, Jayden Builder of Eugene, and great grandsons Kendo Cuevas, Kai Holster and Garrett Souza, Jr. all of Chiloquin.

Her son, Joel Martinez and grandson, Greisyn Builder, passed before her.

Urbana is also survived by sisters Mary Ross and Susan Boileau of Warm Springs and Relda Peratrovich of Ellensburg, Washington and her mother, Arlene Boileau of Warm Springs. She is also survived by half-brothers and half-sisters Harvey Ross, Jr. of Oklahoma City, Pebbles Ross of St. Joseph, Missouri, Vincent Ross, Ralph Ross and Joseph Ross, all of Horton, Kansas, and Grace Ross of Neah Bay, Washington.

In addition, she is survived by her partner of 27 years, Howie Arnett. Numerous aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews also survive her.

Toto was born in Redmond,

Oregon and was a lifelong resident of the Warm Springs Reservation, except for the years from 1993 to 1999 when she attended the University of Oregon and earned a bachelor's degree in Political Science and a master's degree in Public Policy, Planning and Management.

At the time of her passing, Toto served as the Realty Officer for the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Warm Springs Agency Office.

Prior to joining the BIA, Toto held a variety of professional and management positions with the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs and Kah-Nee-Ta High Desert Resort.

In 2010, she was selected by the Tribal Council to serve as the Confederated Tribes' Chief Operations Officer, a position she held until 2013.

During her time as COO, she was most proud of her work in planning and securing funding for the new Warm Springs elementary school, now known as the Warm Springs K-8 Academy.

Her strong commitment to children and their education was demonstrated by her long service as Secretary of the Oregon Indian Education Association.

Toto loved spending time with her family, especially her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She also loved to travel throughout the U.S. and abroad, spending time in recent years in New Zealand, Australia, Canada and many countries in Europe. She was also an avid fan of the Oregon Ducks in all sports.

Toto was very proud of her home. She was always working to improve it, and regularly hosted dinners, cook-outs and social events in her home for family and friends.

Toto was loved by all of her family and by everyone in the Warm Springs community and around Oregon and elsewhere who had the great fortune to know her.

She touched many, many lives with her kindness, generosity, her wonderful sense of humor and her unflinching willingness to help anyone in need.

Her loss will be deeply and always felt by all who knew and loved her.

## Summary of Tribal Council

September 10, 2018

- 1. Roll call: Chief Delvis Heath, Chief Joseph Moses, Chief Alfred Smith Jr., Chairman Eugene Greene Jr., Vice Chairman Charles Calica, Raymond Tsumpti, Valerie Switzler, Carina Miller, and Brigitte McConville. Minnie Yahtin, Recorder.
- 2. Budget presentation.

- Budget Overview
- Chief of Operations
- Public Safety
- Public Utilities
- Branch of Natural Resources
- 3. The afternoon budget presentations will be rescheduled.
- 4. With no further discussion the meeting adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

## On the Tribal Council agenda

### Wednesday, September 12

#### Budget presentations:

- 9 a.m.: High Lookee Lodge with Jolene Greene.
- 9:45: Museum at Warm Springs with Carol Leone.
- 10:30: Warm Springs Housing Authority with Danielle Wood.
- 11:15: Tribal Council, committees and Council support.
- 1:30 p.m.: Cannabis Commission with Joseph Jenson.
- 2:15: TERO Commission with Wendell Jim.
- 3: Gaming Commission and surveillance with Sandra Main and Josephine Johnson.

### Thursday, September 13

#### Budget presentations continue:

- 9 a.m.: Indian Head Casino with Jeffrey Carstenson.
- 9:45: Warm Springs Credit Enterprise with Lori Fuentes.
- 10:30: Warm Springs Composite Products with Jacob Coochise.
- 11:15: Warm Springs Telecommunications with Tim York.
- 1:30 p.m.: Kah-Nee-Ta.
- 2:15: Warm Springs Ventures with Rodrick Ariwite.
- 3: Warm Springs Power Enterprises with Jim Manion.
- 3:45: Warm Springs Timber LLC with Cal Mukumoto.

**Monday-Thursday, September 17-20:** Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians 2018 Annual Conference.

**Thursday-Friday, September 20-21:** Warm Springs Corrections facility BIA visit with Vince Anchono, BIA.

**Saturday, September 22:** Wiwnu-Wash Ceremony and Celebration at SkiBowl East.

### Monday, September 24

9 a.m.: Secretary-Treasurer and Chief Operations Officer updates with Michele Stacona and Alyssa Macy.

10: Ocotober agenda and re-

view minutes.

- 11: Draft resolutions.
- 1:30 p.m.: Legislative update calls, federal and state.
- 2:30: Enrollments with Lucille Suppach-Samson of Vital Stats.
- 3:30: Budget call-backs.

### Tuesday, Septembre 25

- 9 a.m.: 2019 proposed budget with Alfred Estimo and Dennis Johnson.
- 10: Portland Harbor update with Jen Graham, Bobby Brunoe and Ellen Grover.
- 11: School district 509-J superintendent update with Ken Parshall.

### Thursday, September 27:

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers government to government meeting.



**Name: Marjorie Heath**  
**Age: 15 years old**  
**Summer youth worker for WIOA-Native Aspirations: Early Childhood Education teacher aide**

At ECE she is getting to know different people and learning "patience." In high-school she plays in band, and she does track. After high-school she plans on attending college. Fun fact she likes to draw.



**Name: Christina Thomas**  
**Age: 14 years old**  
**Summer youth worker for WIOA-Native Aspirations: Early Childhood Education teacher aide**

Christina is liking her job at the ECE, it is teaching her how to work with the school age children, and she even learned some sign language. In high-school she plans of doing sports including volleyball, and track.

Gerald Tufti  
text & photos

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