

Howlak Tichum

Easton Aguilar ~ 1957-2020

Easton Aguilar passed away December 12,2020. Mr. Aguilar was 63. Services were held at the Community Center Pavillion, December 15, 2020. Not only members from the Shikinah Ministries and community gathered, outdoors; also Native American Ministers and acquaintances sent their condolences and respect via Facebook. The family wishes to share the Eulogy.

We are here today to pay tribute and our respect to a man of God, our teacher and Pastor Easton.

Easton’s local people are unaware of his many travels far and near where he proclaimed the Gospel of Jesus Christ—Faraway places such as Utah, Washington, Nevada, California, and the Apache and Navajo Reservations of Arizona and New Mexico. He made countless trips to St. Charles Hospital to visit, encourage and pray with those who were confined with illness.

We are here today to show our love and support for Easton’s precious family. Not only have we recognized our own feelings, but our hearts have been drawn to them.

Finally, we are here today to seek and receive comfort from God. Our hearts ache over this situation. We come today trusting that God give us the strength to continue our walk with Him.

Easton declared, Job 19:25: For I know my redeemer livith and that He shall stand at the latter day upon the earth.

We of the Shikinah Ministries declare with Jesus, In my Father’s house there are many mansions. If it were not so I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you unto myself, that where I am, you will also be.

Easton had always declared: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18: But I would not have you ignorant, Brethren. Concerning them that are asleep, that you sorry not, even as others have no hope. 14: For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also them which sleep in Jesus will God bring with Him.

An individual made the following statement: “The measure of life is not in its duration but its donation.” When we think of Easton’s donation—what he contributed, what he invested—we have much to be thankful for!

Consider the love and devo-



tion he made in his marriage to Justine ‘Tina,’ August 15, 1980.

Consider the investments and godliness and nurturing that Easton made into the lives of his children and grandchildren.

Consider the investments of the word of God that Easton made into the lives of so many people... Not only the members of the Shikinah Ministries but to all people, including ministers, that he poured his life into.

Later this day, when all the words have been spoken, when all the songs have been sung, we will stand at the grave site and we will commit the body of our teacher and Pastor to the keeping of the earth until the coming of the Lord, and we will commit his soul onto the loving hands of the God he served...bringing an end to the final chapter of his earthly life. But it will not be the end of the story, because the memory of his life and the influence of his life remains.

Because Easton committed his life to God and the work of God, he was spiritually energized by a power greater than this world understands. We all knew Easton as a great friend and a wonderful Pastor, but one of the things that caused me to so highly respect Easton was his great love for souls. In this sense he was a real hero to me. He did have, and continues to have my highest respect.

John the Revelator says in the Book of Revelation: Then I heard a voice from heaven saying to me, “Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on. Yes, says the Spirit that they may rest from their labors, and their works follow them.” (Rev. 14:13).

I have no doubt that Easton will meet people in Heaven who have thanked him for leading to the Lord. I have no doubt that others in the future will come up to him in Heaven and express their gratitude for having led them to the Lord. His work on this earth was of eternal value, and because of that he will have eternal reward.

This memorial service is not really for Easton. His soul is in God’s care. This is a time for us who are yet on this earth. Easton has reached the ultimate destination of the universe. We say that he has

‘departed’ but God says Easton has ‘arrived.’ God sees things from such a different perspective than we do. God never sees his children die. He simply sees them coming home.

In the Gospel of Luke: Jesus showed us what the Father is like, every day the Father’s heart broke, but He patiently looked for the return of his prodigal son. When He saw his son returning, He ran and gave him a hug and welcomed him home.

The real question we face today has to do with us. What are we doing? What are we going to focus on? God is a parent. He created you in His very own image. It is in He that you may also have an everlasting life.

I’m going to relate a story of a famous baseball player by the name of Lou Gehrig.

Lou caught a terrible ailment. This condition to this day still has no known medical cure. The disorder is now called ‘Lou Gehrig’s Disease.’

On July 4, 1939, sixty-one thousand people assembled and paid tribute to Lou Gehrig. When Lou was led to home base of Yankee Stadium. His teammate and friend the famous Babe Ruth was also present. Near the end of this famous farewell speech, Lou commented: “People have said I had a bad break, but I consider myself the luckiest person on the face of the earth, and I have a lot to live for. Thank you.”

One eyewitness said that day, “All media photographers had tears.” Two years later the famous baseball icon of that era ended.

Easton’s disorder was diagnosed as Lou Gehrig’s Disease. On November 13, 2020 this farewell comment and poem was handwritten by Easton:

Another day gone by, Heaven is sounding better all the time... Another night gone by, Heaven is sounding better all the time...

Here I am Jesus asking a miracle for others, and myself, Jesus have mercy on us: Here I am in the glass cage being tested by satan, Heaven is feeling better every day... My time is almost done, no more asking for mercy, no asking for healing, no more asking for a miracle because Jesus has given me the ultimate healing. A new body without disease, a place with no more pain, no more death...

Jesus sent his angels for me, to carry to Heaven, no more death... I'll be with the one who cared for me. I'll be waiting for you my love.

Merle Kirk of Warm Springs made this service message (left) for the Confederated Tribes of Umatilla Reservation. Her work is part of the National Endowment for the Humanities CARES project, *Living in today’s pandemic, and historic pandemics and catastrophes.*



“The future of this tribe, the people, depends on each, every individual. Listen to your elders and respect what they say... What they say is very very truthful.”

Jesse Jones

Chief of the Cayuse tribe

Photos and quotes taken from the National Endowment of Humanities CARES project, “Living in today’s pandemic and Historical Pandemic and Catastrophes. The Education department of the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation received the CARES grant to document, through video interviews, elders and residents on the Umatilla reservation about their current thoughts on the pandemic as well as historical pandemics and catastrophes.



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Treaty sturgeon fishery

The four Columbia River tribes set the following fishery plan, with concurrence of the states of Oregon and Washington.

There will be a commercial sturgeon setline fishery for zone 6—Bonneville, The Dalles and John Day reservoirs—from noon Friday, January 1 to noon Sunday, January 31.

Gear will be setline: Fishers are encouraged to use circle hooks and avoid j-hooks. It is unlawful to use setline gear with more than 100 hooks per set line, with hooks less than minimum size of 9/0, with treble hooks, without visible buoys attached; or with buoys that do not specify operator and tribal identification.

Allowable sales: Sturgeon from 38 to 54 inches fork length in the Bonneville pool;

and from 43 to 54 inches fork length in The Dalles and John Day pools may be sold or kept for subsistence purposes. Sturgeon within the legal size limit and caught in the platform and hook-and-line fishery may only be sold if caught during the open period and open reservoir of the set line fishery. Fish landed during the open periods are allowed to be sold after the period closes.

Sanctuaries: Standard dam sanctuaries applicable to setline gear are in place.

If you have any fishing enforcement problems or need assistance or information, day or night, contact the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fisheries Enforcement Office, 4270 Westcliff Dr., Hood River. The phone number is 541-386-6363; or 800-487-FISH (3474).

Seasonal flu shots available

The Warm Springs Clinic reminds the community that it is not too late to get your seasonal flu shot.

Flu shot hours at the clinic are 9 to 11 a.m. on Monday, Tuesday,

Thursday and Friday; and 2 to 4 p.m. everyday.

Flu shots will be given by nursing staff, curbside in the comfort of your car. Present to the clinic entry gate during the above hours.

Film relates tribal river work

In a new film by American Rivers and Swiftwater Films, indigenous leaders share why removing four dams to restore a healthy Klamath River is critical for clean water, food sovereignty and justice.

The film, *Guardians of the River*, features Frankie Joe Myers, Vice Chair of the Yurok Tribe, Sammy Gensaw, director of Ancestral Guard, Barry McCovey, fisheries biologist with the Yurok Tribe, and members of the Ancestral Guard and Klamath Justice Coalition.

“Without these salmon, our way of life is impossible,” Sammy Gensaw, Yurok tribal member and director, Ancestral Guard, says in

the film. “We’ve dedicated years of our lives—our young lives—to give opportunity for the next generation to live on a healthy, dam-free river.” “This river is our umbilical cord. What feeds us, what nurtures us,” Annelia Hillman, Yurok tribal member and member of the Klamath Justice Coalition, says in the film. “This reciprocal relationship that we have with it—I would do anything for this river, just like I would my own children.” To watch the video, at Google search: video-short-documentary-explores-how-klamath-dams



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