

Walking On:

Lawrence Smith

Madras resident, Lawrence "Larry" Smith, died March 29, at Mountain View Nursing Home at the age of 92.

Mr. Smith was born, Sept. 1, 1896, in Grand Ronde, Or., to parents Jesse and Alice (Quenell) Smith. He received his education at Chemawa Indian School in Salem and played a cornet in the band. During his lifetime, he lived in Grand Ronde, Salem, Falls City, Perrydale, Chiloquin, Klamath Falls, Sandy and Warm Springs. He worked as a laborer in the logging industry and later worked for several prominent farmers in the Willamette Valley as a contractor, and eventually managed a small farm himself.

A special recognition was issued to him by the State of Oregon for a perfect driving record during the 60-plus years he held a driver's license. His special interests included playing cards, checkers, smelt fishing, visiting and spending time with his grandchildren.

In a statement from the family, Mr. Smith was described as an excellent example of a hardworking, honest person who showed much compassion for people and life. He gave and didn't expect things in return, was kind to everyone and helped many people with his wisdom, a little money, moral support and willingness to listen. He believed people should always try their best and take pride in what they did.

He was very proud of his Indian heritage, and was an enrolled member of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde. He had a sense of humor and didn't spend time worrying about things, holding grudges, or judging others. His values and beliefs can be seen in his children, grandchildren and other extended family members.

He is survived by his daughters Rose Mary Smith of Warm Springs and Lorene Smith of Oakland, Calif.; and Roy Langley of Tillamook. Thirty-one great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren survive as well as numerous nieces, nephews and cousins from the Grand Ronde area and other parts of Oregon, Washington and California. His grandchildren are, Woody Smith, Chief Smith, Marty Smith, Quinton Smith, Faye Smith and Nancy Smith, all of Seattle; Mike Smith, Gina Ahedo, Kelly Lazore, and Veda Rose Gamez all of California; Joni Smith, Toni Made, Trudie Martinez, Dennis Smith, Marcia Soliz, Darryl Smith, all of Warm Springs, and Ronald and John Smith, both of Portland.

Preceding him in death were, sons, Lawrence Smith Jr. in 1986 and Ronnie Smith in 1928; second wife, Irene Cunningham Smith in 1964; daughters, Valerie Smith in 1930, Ethelun Essie Smith in 1930, Ramona Smith in 1929; and first wife, Gertrude McCoy Smith in 1929.

Services were held, April 2, at Bel-Air Chapel in Madras, with Larry Krupt and Mike Clements officiating. Burial was April 3, at the Grand Ronde Cemetery, with Father Jim of St. Michael's Catholic Church conducting the graveside services.

Pallbearers were John Smith, Dennis Smith Sr., Darryl Smith, Dorian Soliz, Esmade Made, Daniel Smith, and Eldon Tom. Honorary pallbearers were Ellis Langley, Roy Langley, Allen Langley Sr., Elmer Tom Sr., Ronald Smith, Ray McKnight, Russ Leno, Jessie Bahr, Roscoe Smith, Russell Smith and Loren Holmes. Arrangements were under the direction of Bel-Air Colonial Funeral Home.



In Memory

We would like to thank everyone that helped us in our time of sorrow, with my Daughter and my Great Niece, Cheryl. We would also like to thank the Brookside Cafe for the food they donated.

Ray McKnight, Wilma Butler



The Twenty-Third Psalm

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures;
He leadeth me beside the still waters.
He restoreth my soul: He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil:
for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:
thou anointest my head with oil;
my cup runneth over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life;
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Death Penalty Legislation

Senator Daniel K. Inouye, chairman of the Senate Select Committee on Indian Affairs, is asking his colleagues to support an Indian amendment to the Federal Death Penalty Act.

S. 32 is designed to establish a federal death penalty for various crimes, including treason, espionage and assassination.

The bill would also prescribe the death penalty for first degree murders committed on federal land. Critics of the bill say the vast majority of those facing a federal death penalty would be Indians.

Inouye's amendment would exempt Indian country from a death penalty for first degree murder unless a tribe votes within one year of enactment to have the death penalty apply to its reservation.

Sen John McCain may offer a similar amendment which would require the tribe to opt out of the death penalty during the first year following the enactment of the legislation.

The Native American Rights Fund is urging tribes to support Inouye's amendment, because it begins with an express exemption from the death penalty for Indian country.

Courtesy of the American Indian Report.

Walking On:

Eileen S. Quenelle 1952-1990

Mass of Christian Burial for Eileen Sharon Grammar-Quenelle, formerly of Grand Ronde, was celebrated at 11 a.m. Saturday in St. Michael's Catholic Church in Grand Ronde. Interment will be in the Grand Ronde Tribal Cemetery.

She died March 27, 1990, in Portland. She was 37.

Mrs. Grammar-Quenelle was born Dec. 15, 1952, in McMinnville, the daughter of Leonard Joseph and Lizette Warren Quenelle.

Survivors include her two sons, Joseph Grammar and Frank Grammar Jr.; three brothers, Leonard L. Quenelle of Dallas, Donald J. Quenelle of Portland and Larry J. Quenelle of Whittier, Calif.; and four sisters, Charlotte Quenelle of Portland, Carol Loveland of Siletz, Delores Ream of Portland and Toni Gibbons of Salem.

Northwest Indian Veterans Association

The organization of the Northwest Indian Veterans Association on April 14, 1989 was recognized as a warrior society for all American Indian Veterans. During the period, May 24 - 26, 1989, it was recognized as the official veterans organization for the Affiliated Tribes of the Northwest Indians, by resolution #89-32.

Membership in the Northwest Indian Veterans Association is open to any American Indian who is currently on active duty with, and those veterans who have served in, the Armed Forces of the United States of America. Also included are members of the Armed Forces Reserve.

Associate membership will be made up of other veterans, veteran's families, families of deceased veterans, and relatives and friends of the Northwest Indian Veterans Association. The support for the organization will be provided by the Indian people, who have never failed to acknowledge the veterans as warriors.

This organization is a regional association including the western states. The Northwest Indian Veterans Association will also acknowledge the Intertribal Veterans of the Canadian Armed Forces.

The purpose of the organization is to:

- (1) Promote the Indian veteran in a positive image and manner.
- (2) To honor and remember those brothers and sisters who have paid the supreme sacrifice during the past wars of our nation's history.
- (3) To promote traditional methods for Indian veterans to heal from the trauma of war.
- (4) To provide awareness of veteran's benefits to veterans and their families.
- (5) To promote awareness of our unique culture and traditions to the Department of Veteran Affairs and Armed Forces of the United States of America.
- (6) To promote outreach and job opportunities from within the Department of Veteran Affairs.

Activities of the organization include, annual regional veteran gatherings, healing ceremonies, pow wow's, membership drives, quarterly news letters and color guard. Each clan/band or tribe will host quarterly visits of a veteran's service officer.