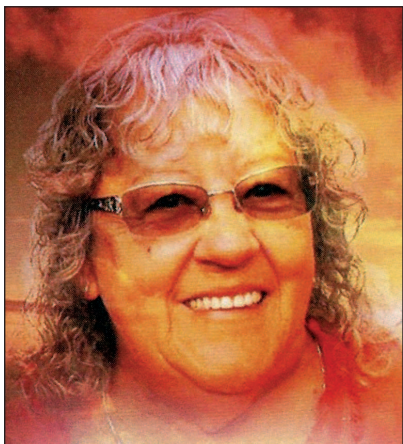


Walking On...

Violet Lorraine Folden

Dec. 9, 1942 – Nov. 19, 2015

Tribal Elder Violet Lorraine Folden, 72, a resident of Grand Ronde walked on on Thursday, Nov. 19, 2015, at Willamette Valley Medical Center in McMinnville.



She was born on Dec. 9, 1942, in McMinnville, the daughter of Raymond Lewis Sr. and Vivian Delphine Williamson Petite. At the age of 15, she married Clinton Jerome Folden Sr. on Nov. 8, 1958, in Vancouver, Wash. They lived in Grand Ronde, Salem, California and Nebraska, and moved back to Oregon in 1975. She lived in Dallas and worked for a time at the Blue Garden. She worked in grocery stores, was a bartender and waitress, and for many years at Agri-Pac in quality control. She retired as a floor leader in 2000.

She was a mother to three and grandmother to many. Violet was friendly to everyone and always ready to strike up a conversation with whomever she came in contact. She was a member of the Catholic Church and volunteered for four years with the Grand Ronde Saddle Club. She also enjoyed baking and always took advantage of a good deal in the store.

She is survived by her daughter, LeLani Folden of Grand Ronde; sons, Clinton "Tony" Folden Jr. and Rodney Folden of Willamina; as well as eight grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. Also surviving is a sister, Gladys Hobbs of Grand Ronde; and brothers, Raymond Petite Jr. of Dallas, Ore., Ernie Petite of Leavenworth, Kan., and Jim Petite of McMinnville. She was preceded in death by her husband, Clinton, on Dec. 28, 1991.

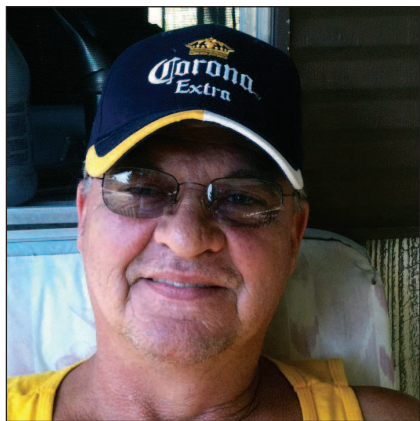
A memorial service was held Saturday, Nov. 28, in the Grand Ronde Tribal gym followed by interment at the Grand Ronde Tribal Cemetery. The funeral meal was held Sunday, Nov. 29, in the Tribal Community Center.

Dallas Mortuary Tribute Center is caring for the family. To leave a message or memory for the family, go to www.dallastribute.com.

Gerauld Blake Stephens Jr.

April 28, 1959 – Oct. 23, 2015

Tribal Elder Gerauld "Jerry" Blake Stephens Jr., 56, was born on April 28, 1959, in Everett, Wash. He walked on on Friday, Oct. 23, 2015, at Providence St. Peter Hospital in Olympia, Wash. His wife and mother-in-law were by his side.



Jerry is survived by his wife of 20 years, Connie Stephens; four sons, Christopher Stephens of McRae, Ark., Robert Carter of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, Ben Barnhill of Kettle Falls, Wash., and Russell Barnhill of Colville, Wash.; three daughters, Felicia Stephens of Pullman, Wash., Nicole Stephens of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, and Jenica Stephens of Spokane, Wash.; his father, Gerauld Sr. (wife Darlene) of Livingston, Mont.; six brothers, Dana (wife Gloria) of Odessa, Wash., Fabian (wife Leah) of Hoodspport, Wash., Chris (wife Bert) of Moses Lake, Wash., Tony (wife Tammy) of Moses Lake, Wash., Vallant of Las Vegas, Nev., and Danti of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho; sisters, Kim Kirkman and Diana Leland of Moses Lake, Wash.; numerous nieces and nephews and 21 grandchildren.

Jerry was preceded in death by his mother, Peggylee Chillson; nephew, Dwaine Kultgen; and his beloved dog, Baby.

Jerry served in the Army National Guard for two years as a mechanic. He then worked for many years as a transmission man. He was always wheeling and dealing in cars. He also worked as a bartender, cook, metal scrapper and logger; whatever it took to make money to support his family. He started his own auto repair shop with his sons, Chris and Robert, in Moses Lake while attending college for welding and fabricating. He enjoyed working with his sons. Sadly, the onset of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease meant shutting down the business, but not his life.

Jerry took the opportunity to spend as much time as possible with family, going on fishing trips with his brothers and camping with kids and grandkids. He enjoyed camping, boating and nature hikes with his dogs and family. He especially loved spending time with his grandchildren. He loved to hunt and always put meat in the family freezer. He was a bird and wildlife watcher and usually had some sort of feeder out year-round.

A celebration of life was held on Saturday, Nov. 7, at the Eagles Lodge, 1517 W. Broadway, in Moses Lake, Wash. Children were required.

Thanks to McComb and Wagner Family Funeral Home and Crematory for their service and helping the family through a difficult process.

Fun guys



Photo by Michelle Alaimo

Tracy Howerton, left, a member of the Tribe's Fish & Wildlife Committee, takes a piece of a mushroom to taste from Ron Exeter, a botanist with the Bureau of Land Management, during a Mushroom Seminar held at the Elders Activity Center on Thursday, Nov. 12. About 30 people attended the seminar where Exeter taught attendees how to identify edible mushrooms and possible locations where to find them. The event was sponsored by the Fish & Wildlife Committee and the Tribe's Education and Culture departments.

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LOOKING WOLF
AND ONE HEART**

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FROM 6 PM TO 8 PM
FAMILY CONCERT
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A family friendly concert featuring four-time *Native American Music Award* winner Jan Michael Looking Wolf. Among the nation's most recognized Native American flutists, Jan's unique performing style and positive message of unity has inspired audiences across the country. This casual-atmosphere concert will feature Jan's band, One Heart, and is appropriate for all ages.