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Walking On...

Rose Starr-Peters

Dec. 5, 1956 - April 7, 2017

Tribal spouse Rose Starr-Peters, 60, was a proud member of the Eastern Shoshone Tribe and came from the Wind River Indian Reservation in Fort Washakie, Wyo.

She spent many childhood years in Crowheart, where her grandfather, John Wagon, built the family homestead. She cherished fond memories of being there as a child among her grandmother, aunt, cousins and uncles who all had homes there together, each beading on their projects every day. She loved this place and looked forward to going back to visit each year in June.



Rose had four children: Sharon, Dustin, Shane and Leah; drum brothers and many others who called her mom and were part of her family. She had eight grandchildren, one great-grandchild and many others who knew her as grandma. The young ones held a special place in her heart. She also had three brothers and four sisters; also the close friends who were brothers and sisters, too. She appreciated the friendship, love and loyalty so many showed and wished that, in her passing, they might check in on her children as they did her.

Rose loved to go to powwows, seeing, visiting and dancing with her extended powwow family. She was proud of her boys' drumming and singing and her grandchildren's dancing. She enjoyed making regalia for many and also beading.

A special time each year would be traveling home in June to Wyoming for the Eastern Shoshone Treaty Days to be with her people, her family and also passing through Fort Hall to visit family there. Another special trip would be to Albuquerque, N.M., in April to the Gathering of Nations Powwow. She also made a couple of trips to Hawaii and participated in the powwow there where she was welcomed by new friends.

She loved to go to Siletz because this powwow and area meant a lot to her. She loved the people there for they always welcomed her, and showed love and respect for her and her family. Plus, in the earlier days, she drummed and sang with the dancing Again Singers, traveling to different events for cultural presentations and dances.

She worked at Spirit Mountain Casino for 21 years, which brought her to Grand Ronde and she married Deitz Peters. She was thankful for the happiness he brought to her life and the many, many things, including sewing that he did for her and so many others. She was proud of his generosity and friendship to others, and representation of his Tribe. She appreciated the acceptance, love, respect and friendship of the people she lived among in Grand Ronde. They treated her as family as she did them.

She was thankful every day for the many blessings our Creator brought to her life: the love of family and friends. This was a gift, and she wanted to thank each one of you for being a part of her journey in life. She liked to greet and depart with a hug whether one liked it or not. She didn't care if they got tired of it. She wanted to, and did, show her love. If there should be tears, they should be happy ones for a happy time shared together, blessings brought from our Creator and all of you.

She wanted to close with a fun song she liked and hoped it would bring a smile to your faces. Remember the fun times, enjoy life and take care of each other. Some may remember the song "Little Red Riding Hood" by Sam the Sham.

Her funeral service was held Tuesday, April 11, in the Grand Ronde Tribal gym. Interment followed in the Grand Ronde Cemetery. Dallas Mortuary Tribute Center is caring for the family.



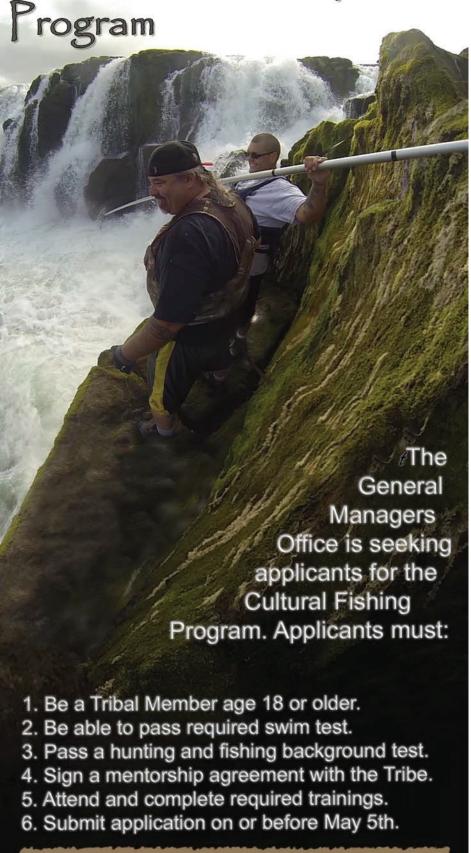
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