

Walking On...

Brandon Jesse Robertson

Oct. 30, 1980 – June 27, 2017

Grand Ronde Tribal member Brandon Jesse Robertson, 36, beloved father, brother and son, passed over to the Spirit World on June 27, 2017.



Brandon grew up on Spirit Mountain in Grand Ronde, Ore. He was the son of Candy (George) Robertson and Jess Robertson Sr.

As a child, he attended Grand Ronde Elementary School and Willamina middle and high schools. More recently, he completed his first term in college where he was studying to become an auto mechanic.

Brandon was a talented artist and was teaching himself to play guitar. His favorite pastimes were drawing and reading. He was very proud of his Native American heritage and read a lot about his ancestors and Tribal history.

He was fascinated with the presence of the golden spiral throughout nature and he often incorporated this into his artwork. His other interests included astronomy and his telescope was one of his most prized possessions.

Brandon is survived by his three children, Alexis, Carmen and Colin, whom he couldn't have been more proud. He also is survived by his mother, Candy Robertson; brothers, Jesse Jr. (Pee Wee), Ken and Lynn (Bear) Robertson; and sisters, Angie Blackwell, Debby Larsen, Mychal Cherry and Diana Sohappy. He also leaves behind countless nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, Jess Robertson Sr., and brother, Mike Robertson.

Health & Wellness Center hours

The Health & Wellness Center is pleased to add additional access for patients during holiday weeks on Thursday mornings.

The clinic will be scheduling patients at 8 a.m. every Thursday preceding or following a holiday closure. Urgent care also will be available during this time.

Example: Tribal offices are closed on Tuesday, July 4, in observance of Independence Day. Thursday, July 6, the Health & Wellness Center will be open at 8 a.m. for scheduled patients and urgent care. ■



Volunteer Information

What is a volunteer? A volunteer is someone who gives their self, time, or services to an organization or cause to effect positive change usually within their community.

Why volunteer?

- To become involved
- To give back
- To help effect positive change
- To be active
- To continue traditions
- To share life experiences with others.

What are the benefits?

- Being part of a group
- Feeling of belonging
- Feeling of contributing
- Feeling of accomplishment
- Social interaction
- Feeling like you are connected to the community/Tribe
- Knowing that you are making a difference

No matter which program you volunteer for, you can make a difference.

CASA Program:

As a CASA volunteer, you can help a child by advocating for that child's best interest. Making sure that child receives the services they need, be placed in the best placement available, and help advocate for the best outcome of that child's case. You become a voice for the child. As a CASA Advocate you will also foster a positive connection between the child and the Tribe.

Tribal Member Review Board:

As a Tribal Member Review Board (TMRB) Member, you review cases of Tribal Children, in the jurisdiction of the Tribal Court. When reviewing these cases you learn about the child(ren), family and services needed for the family. You make findings and recommendations about the case to the Court and to the ICW program.

Peacemaker Program:

As a Peacemaker, you facilitate the Peacemaking process. Sessions are held in a safe environment where parties can openly and honestly discuss their dispute. Part of the Peacemaker process is "getting to the heart of the dispute". Examining the issues to discover the interest of all parties and guiding them to a mutually agreeable resolution.

For more information, contact the Tribal Court Programs Specialist Annie Schmidt (Annie.Schmidt@GrandRonde.org) or 503-879-4623

Optometry hours

- 7:15 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday
 - 9:15 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Thursday
- Please call to schedule your appointment at 503-879-2079 or 800-775-0095. ■



TRIBAL MEMBER REVIEW BOARD

Tribal Members Reviewing Cases of Tribal Children in Tribal Custody.

It is important for all Native children to know that their Tribe and community is there to support them. Many Tribal children in foster care lose connection with their heritage, culture and traditions due to their circumstances.

The TMRB is a Board of approved Tribal members who periodically review the cases of children who are Wards of the Tribal Court and make findings and recommendations to the Children and Family Services Program and the Court. The reviews take place in a less formal setting, providing an atmosphere that is both confidential and conducive for the interaction of everyone involved.

For more information on how you can preserve culture through providing guidance, please contact:
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PEACEMAKER PROGRAM



The Tribal Court Peacemaker Program is a **FREE, CONFIDENTIAL** conflict resolution program that is available to everyone. It uses cultural methods of mediation to help with disputes between:

- Coworkers
- Neighbors
- Family Members
- Landlord/ Tenant

Peacemakers



Lew Younger



Lisa Archuleta



Steve Bobb, Sr.

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