

Walking On...

Raeann Lynn Knight

Feb. 12, 1991 - April 9, 2020

Raeann Lynn Knight was born on Feb. 12, 1991, and died on April 9, 2020, at age 29 in Washington.

The daughter of Roberta and Dennis Knight Sr., Raeann was a very sweet and loving young woman; she loved everyone who was in her life! That love she shared and was reciprocated by her friends and family. Raeann was kind and caring and she had a special love for dogs. Raeann took her dogs everywhere and treated them as her children.

Raeann was a beautiful soul in and out. With her beauty, Raeann had a love of pretty things. She enjoyed animal prints and the color black. When she was a little girl, she developed a passion for makeup, nice clothes, shoes and pretty nails. She loved princesses and with her natural dark hair and fair skin, she deserved her nickname “Snow White.” Raeann loved doing hair, which began at the age of 4 when she cut her friends’ hair in the family bathroom. Going to beauty school was a natural fit for her.

Raeann loved music and singing. As a teenager, you could often find her singing and hanging out with her friends. She had an infectious and wonderful giggle. Raeann’s laugh and giggles are something that stands out for many of us, and something we will remember her for.

Raeann was a wonderful daughter, sister, granddaughter, aunt, great-aunt and friend. She will be truly missed. She is survived by her mother, Roberta Knight; father, Dennis Knight Sr.; grandmothers, Delores Knight and Lola Cooksey; grandfather, Roy Cooksey; brothers, Derrick Cooper and Dennis Knight Jr.; sisters, Rebecca Knight-Alvarez, Rachel Knight and Faith Knight; uncles, Jesse Knight, William Knight, Roy Cooksey Jr. and Gerald Cooksey; aunts, Brenda Gray, Loretta Sisemore, Sirena Cooksey, Rhonda Geppert and Karen Plunges; 12 nieces and nephews; and a great-nephew.

Raeann’s memorial service was held at the Lighthouse Church in Grand Ronde, Ore., on April 18, 2020, and was a closed family service. She was laid to rest after a 1 p.m. service by Dennis Knight Jr., Derrick Cooper, Joseph Cox, Jesse Knight, Casey Knight and Gabriel Knight at the Grand Ronde Cemetery. Dallas Mortuary Tribute Center is caring for the family. www.dallastribute.com.

Other passings

Shannon Curtis Haskins

April 20, 1961 – April 25, 2020

There will be a private immediate family-only funeral service at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 2, in the Tribal gym followed by a gravesite service at the Tribal Cemetery. Bollman’s Funeral Home is assisting the family.

We Want To Hear From You!

That’s right, the Grand Ronde Health & Wellness Center Comment Box is located at the entrance of the Health & Wellness Center, next to the drinking fountain. Share your experience, good or bad with us! We look forward to hearing what you have to say. ■



Community Fund cancels Junior Hatfield Fellowship

Spirit Mountain Community Fund has canceled this year’s Junior Hatfield Fellowship program that is designed to provide Tribal youth with an opportunity to learn more about a career in public service, specifically at a state or Tribal government level.

“We are disappointed to have to cancel such a great learning experience for our Tribal youth, but during these uncertain times, the health and safety of our staff and our youth are a priority to us,” said Community Fund Executive Director Michael Cherry. “We plan to continue this program next summer with an amazing opportunity for a Tribal youth to learn about a career in public service, while working directly with local government legislators, Tribal government leaders and past Hatfield Fellows. The idea is to prep Native youth for the possibility of a future Hatfield Fellowship in Washington, D.C.”

The Junior Fellow spends an eight-week paid internship working in the office of an Oregon state legislator in Salem, the office of the Grand Ronde Tribal Council and with past Hatfield Fellows in their state and government offices.

The Junior Hatfield Fellowship is for Tribal students from the nine federally recognized Tribes in Oregon who are between 16 and 20 years old. Applicants have to be at least a junior in high school considering post-secondary education or enrolled in college. ■

Community Fund seeks Hatfield Fellowship applicants

Applications for the 2020-21 Hatfield Fellowship program are being accepted through June 1.

The fellowship program is funded by Spirit Mountain Community Fund, the philanthropic arm of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde.

The Community Fund annually sponsors a highly motivated Native American to serve as the Hatfield Fellow and intern in an Oregon congressional office. Placement of the fellow rotates through the Oregon delegation to improve the mutual understanding between leadership in Washington, D.C., and Indian Country.

Fellows gain knowledge and understanding of how to navigate the political process in Washington, D.C., while working on issues that directly affect Native Americans.

Hatfield Fellows begin their Capitol Hill experience in November with a month-long orientation at the American Political Science Association. Then they serve an eight-month internship in a congressional office while receiving a monthly stipend and relocation and travel expenses.

Tribal members from the nine federally recognized Tribes in Oregon, as well as members of Tribes in Washington, Idaho, Montana and Alaska are eligible to apply. Preference will be given to Oregon Tribal members. Applicants must have a bachelor’s degree or be graduating in June and be 21 or older to apply.

The Hatfield Fellowship was created in 1998 to honor Sen. Mark Hatfield’s public service to Oregon and the Pacific Northwest.

For more information about the program or to apply, visit thecomunityfund.com/grants-programs/hatfield-fellowship or go to youtu.be/7T0nNoFgUYs to watch an informational video. ■

MARRIAGES IN TRIBAL COURT

Tribal Court is now issuing marriage licenses and is able to perform marriage ceremonies for a filing fee of \$40.

For questions regarding scheduling, contact the Tribal Court at 503-879-2303. ■



THE CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF GRAND RONDE
TRIBAL MEMBER REVIEW BOARD (TMRB)

We are looking for volunteers!

As a Tribal Member Review Board member, you will review cases assigned by the Tribal Court involving children who are wards of the Tribal Court. You will review the case file; hear from all parties at the review including caseworkers, attorneys and children over 12 years of age, parents, foster parents and providers. The Board makes findings and recommendations to the Court regarding the case.

Qualifications:

- ▮ Tribal member
- ▮ At least 21 years of age
- ▮ Living in the six-county area of: Polk, Yamhill, Tillamook, Washington, Multnomah or Marion counties, and
- ▮ Have special knowledge, background and/or experience in one or more of the following:
 - Parenting or foster care taking; Tribal customs, traditions; Juvenile Law; Health Care; Mental Health Care; Social work; or Education.

For more information, contact Tribal Court Programs Coordinator Ramona Quenelle at CourtPrograms@grandronde.org or call 503-879-4623.

Volunteers Wanted!

We are seeking volunteers for two of our programs:

Court Appointed Special Advocate ☐	Tribal Member Review Board ☐
(open to all community members)	(must be an enrolled CTGR Tribal Member)

Visit our website for more information and the qualifications for each program:
<https://www.grandronde.org/government/tribal-court/court-programs/>

If you would like to volunteer:

1) Indicate which program you are interested in (mark one of the boxes above)
2) Fill out the form below with your contact information
3) Mail, drop off, or e-mail the completed form to Tribal Court Programs Coordinator

Full Name:	Phone Number:
Address: _____	
Street/PO Box	City State Zip
Email Address: _____	

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