



Curtis Lee LeBeau

November 25, 1939 - November 2, 2015

Curtis L. LeBeau entered the spirit world at 5:30 AM, Nov. 2, 2015 at Lawton OK after a short illness. Curtis was born on Nov. 25, 1939 on the Cheyenne River Sioux Reservation in SD. In 1943 his family moved to Klamath Agency, OR. but returned to SD. in 1945. In 1951 they moved to the Fort Berthold Reservation in ND. and in 1953 they moved to New Town, ND. where Curtis graduated from high school in 1957. He joined the US Army after graduation and was honorably discharged in 1960. Curtis married Gayle Grimstead in 1961 and to this union a daughter was born. In 1967 Curtis moved to Dallas, TX. to work and it was there that he met Sally Hokeah. In 1977 he decided to make a change in his career so he began his higher education at El Centro College in Dallas. The family then moved to Denver where he completed his bachelor's degree at Metro State College; then completed his master's degree at the University of North Dakota at Mandan, accomplishing both degrees in 4 years. In 1976 his family moved to Fort Yates, ND. where he started as an elementary teacher then he joined the BIA as a social worker. In 1989 they moved to Hoquiam, WA. and later transferred to the Yakama Agency . Curtis retired in June of 2001 and in 2006 he and Sally moved to Anadarko, OK. Curtis worked at several casinos in the Anadarko area before retiring for good. Curtis had many wonderful traits but perhaps is best remembered for his sense of humor and quick wit which was often sharply pointed at his family members. He could find humor in most any situation. He loved babies and young people in general, and he kept that trait throughout

his life. He was a favorite uncle and cousin and a very affectionate grandfather and "Ahtone". Curtis had a lifelong love of horses. He was fortunate enough to have a horse of his own when he was young and owned 9 horses while living in Fort Yates. Curtis has four nieces that he considered special because of their determination to succeed by completing their education under difficult circumstances and by caring for the children and grandchildren: Lou Rae Johannes, Michele Berkey, Denise Garza, and Hattie Eisenberger. Curtis is survived by the love of his life, his wife Sally Hokeah; sons, JT(Deann) and Ray of Anadarko; daughter, Rene (Gerald) of Brighton, CO; adopted daughter, Portland Onco of SC; 4 granddaughters, Jessica, Letise, Victoria, and Cassidy; 2 grandsons, Kyle and Dakota; one adopted grandson, Payton Douglas of SC; great-grandchildren, Sariah, Cecilia, Katawna, Mireya, Azael, and Glayson Tiger; one aunt, Bessie Ahhaitty who was very special to him who he called his prayer warrior. Also surviving are his 2 brothers, Lewsi (Pat) LeBeau, Bismarck, ND and Ed LeBeau, Bemidji, MN; one sister, Nancy Clark, Pueblo, CO; 3 nephews, Scott Rector, Michael and Daniel LeBeau; 4 nieces, Lou Rae Johannes, Michele Berkey, JoDell Bougier, and Beth O'Neil; brother-in-law, Charles (Gwen) Hokeah of Carnegie, OK; sister-in-law, Velma Eisenberger of Oklahoma City, OK. Also surviving are many LeBeau and Powell cousins as well as many friends including Myron Mayer of Wichita, KS; Russell Gillette of Bismarck, ND; Bill Picotte of Rapid City, SD; Robert Gipp and Sidney Bailey of Fort Yates, ND. Curtis was preceded in death by his parents; one special nephew, Brian Rector; one special niece, Irma Haitshan. Funeral Services were Thursday at 3:00 PM at Smith Funeral Home in Anadarko, Ok. with cremation to follow.

Tribute Wall

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“ We'll miss you Uncle Curt. I'll always remember your smile and how you loved to work with horses and bring home the big catfish.

Chuck Hokeah - August 29, 2016 at 12:00 AM