



Esther Archilta

March 4, 1931 - July 1, 2016

Funeral services for Esther Archilta will be held at 11:00 A.M., Wednesday, July 6, 2016 at the Comanche Community Center in Apache, Oklahoma with Bro. Tim Nestell, officiating. Burial will follow at the Cache Creek Cemetery near Apache. A prayer service will be Tuesday, July 5, 2016 at the Comanche Community Center from 7:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. Pallbearers will be Monte "JR" Mammedaty Jr., Justin White Eagle, Jeremy Aitson, Joshua Mammedaty, Cody Archilta, Aaron Archilta, and Ricky Yokesuite. Honorary Pallbearers will be Cecelio Otero, Roderick "Punchie" Churchill, Thomas Juarez, Jesse Jones, Elton White Eagle, Kendall Washburn, Phillip-Harold Archilta, Cameron Tee-Tonemah and Lendy Koassechoney. Esther was born March 4, 1931 in Lawton, Oklahoma to Clarence and Maggie (Tainpeah) Sankadota. She passed away on Friday, July 1, 2016 at the Carnegie Hospital at the age of 85. Esther married Harold Archilta-Tutstsisah Sr. in 1946. He preceded her in death in 1993. They celebrated 47 wonderful years together. Esther's hobbies included watching the OU Sooners, which was her favorite team and Sam Bradford whom was referred to as "her boy", going to the casino and playing bingo, attending pow-wows and sewing. She also enjoyed music. One of her favorites was Rod Stewart, "Maggie May". She was a wonderful homemaker and a very proud member of the Kiowa Tribe of Oklahoma. So proud that it would often lead to "heated discussions" during home visits with family friends and relatives, George & Vivian Komardley. With the "Kiowa's" (Esther & Vivian) against the "Apaches", (Harold & George), the children never knew

who won the argument as it would always end in laughter. Esther was a loving, devoted and strong willed wife, mother, and grandmother who will be dearly missed by her extended family members. Left to cherish her memory are two sons: Byron "KC" Archilta and "Chipper" Archilta of Apache; three daughters: Regina Archilta and Julie Archilta-White Eagle, both of Apache and Lucinda Archilta-Juarez of Sterling; 20 grandchildren, 36 great grandchildren; 17 great great grandchildren; two sisters: Betty Washburn and Patsy Tebauno, both of Apache along with many other relatives and friends. Waiting to receive her at Heaven's Gate were her husband, Harold Archilta-Tutstsisah Sr., son, Esmond Archilta, daughters: Sherrill Yokesuite, Jeanetta Elaine and Doris Jean "DJ" Archilta; parents: Clarence and Maggie Sankadota; brother, Milton Sankadota and grandson, Bobby Archilta. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.smithfuneralservices.com

Tribute Wall

SE

“ *Sorry for your loss...our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

Stephan Ellis - August 29, 2016 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ *RIP Auntie.*

My birthday partner.

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SA

“ *Please accept my sincere sympathy, empathy, and condolences to all of the family, esp Regina Archilta. May God give you comfort during this time of your loss, and give you strength. I hope her transcending to heaven was peaceful and met with all her loved ones. Know she is happy and whole and rejoicing with all of them now. May God God bless and comfort u. Blessings of comfort and peace to you Regina and the rest of the family. Prayers for u all.*

Sharon Keechi William Ahpehtone - August 29, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ *Please accept my deepest condolences. My heart hurts for the family, especially Regina. We have been friends for many years. I will keep the family in prayer and pray for Comfort & Strength for Regina, Heidi, Janelle, and the rest of the family!*

Shawn Bert - August 29, 2016 at 12:00 AM

PA

“ keeping the family in prayer. a mothers love is so special and loving caring and her love is unconditional peace and prayers go out to the family.

patti I. ahhaitty - August 29, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ Blessings to the family

Sharon Keechi Williams Ahpehtone - August 29, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ A Mother's Love is so very precious and cherished. Hold on to the special memories this beloved Kiowa Mother, Grandmother, Sister, and Friend held for so many. Blessings to the Family. You will be in my thoughts and prayers for the days ahead.

Franklin E. Akoneto - August 29, 2016 at 12:00 AM