



Frank Mitchell Battese

August 2, 1951 - May 11, 2020

Frank Mitchell Battese born August 2, 1951 in Tulsa, Oklahoma died May 11, 2020 in Lawrence, Kansas at his home. Mitch attended the Institute of American Arts in 1968 and graduated from Pine Ridge Oglala Community High School in 1969 located in South Dakota. He then attended and graduated Northeastern State University in Tahlaquah, Oklahoma in 1974. Mitch furthered his education at the University of Utah with a Masters degree in Social Work in 1980. He retired from U.S. Indian Health Services as a Clinical Social Worker in 2014 where he counseled Native Americans to assist in healing and guidance to build healthier lifestyles. Mitch was an artist all of his life and was a member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation in Kansas and Chickasaw Tribe of Oklahoma. He promoted public interest in Native American art and encouraged young artists to continue their pursuits in art not only as a beautiful visual experience but to illustrate the importance of culture and interpersonal spirituality so that these aspects of Native Art can be shared with other cultures. Proceeded in death by Father William Vincent Battese of Kansas, Mother Pearlina Foraker of Sulphur Oklahoma. Brother Jeffrey Steven Battese. Survived by Brothers James (Emma) Battese of Phoenix Arizona, Russell (Dorna) Battese of Pawnee, Oklahoma, David Battese of Shawnee, Oklahoma and Sisters Suzanne Battese of Tecumseh, Oklahoma and Theresa Battese of Lawrence, Kansas. Survived by wife Patty Battese of the home and sons; Ashley (Michelle) Battese, Jeff Battese, Chris (Julie) Lockwood. 4 granddaughters: Jordan (David) Brennan, Jamie (Josh) Edwards,

Megan Lockwood, Tallulah Battese Great-Granddaughter, Lilah
Brennan Funeral Services: 1:00 P.M., Friday, May 15, 2020 Smith Funeral
Home Chapel, Anadarko, OK Officiating: Ronnie Brady Interment: Memory
Lane Cemetery, Anadarko, OK Services under the direction of Smith Funeral
Home, Anadarko, OK Messages of condolences may be sent to www.smithfuneralservices.com

Tribute Wall



“ 1 file added to the album *Obituary Wall*



Smith Funeral Home & Fort Cobb Funeral Home - April 09, 2024 at 04:15 PM

KH

“ We recently heard of Mitch's passing. Sharing our love of Art at the Autry every year and seeing Mitch & his family was always a delight!. We send much love and our deepest condolences to his family. -Karma, Shane & Fiona Henry

Karma Henry - July 07, 2020 at 12:00 AM

DA

“ Delores Nioce Abrams lit a candle in memory of Frank Mitchell Battese



Delores Nioce Abrams - May 16, 2020 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ The loss of Uncle Mitch is filled with the years of happy memories I had, and that special connection that belongs only to uncles. I thank you Uncle for the love you have shown me. I will always miss you.

Jamie Hubble - May 15, 2020 at 12:00 AM

SA

“ *Patty we are so sorry for your loss. My heart grieves with you. He was a wonderful man. Josh and I praying for you and your family. We love you.*



Sharon Arce - May 14, 2020 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ *Angels go with you*



Chad Hubble - May 14, 2020 at 12:00 AM

AP

“ *I will always cherish and hold my memories of you close to my heart. You will forever be loved and missed, Uncle Mitch. Fly high and rest easy. I love you.*



Alicia (Cortez) Payne - May 13, 2020 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ *You will forever be in our hearts. Love and miss you.*



Betty Battese - May 13, 2020 at 12:00 AM

KA

“ *We love you and miss you, Uncle Mitch.* ”



Kelly Akin - May 13, 2020 at 12:00 AM