



## Martin Ray Bitseedy

November 3, 1949 - January 14, 2011

Martin Ray Bitseedy, 61 years old, went to be with the Lord on January 14, 2011 at his residence in Anadarko, OK with his family by his side. A prayer service will be held Monday evening January 17th, 2011 at 7:00 pm at the Smith Funeral chapel. Funeral Services will be held at 10:00 A. M., Tuesday, January 18, 2011 at the First Apache Indian Baptist Church in Fort Cobb, OK with Rev. Duke Tsoodle Jr. and Rev. Marilyn Bread, officiating. Burial will follow in Memory Lane Cemetery in Anadarko, OK. Arrangements by Smith Funeral Home in Anadarko, OK. Martin was born at the Kiowa Indian Hospital in Lawton, Ok to Thomas Bitseedy Sr. and Alberta Amah Botone Bitseedy, November 3, 1949. He grew up and attended school in Anadarko, OK. He graduated from Anadarko Senior High and then married Sandra Poolaw in 1968 and from that marriage had two beautiful daughters. After graduating high school, he was employed with the Sequoya Carpet Mills as a machine operator. Then in 1974 moved to Shawnee, Ok where he was the owner and operator of a bricklaying business until 1981 when he moved back to Anadarko to pursue his education at the University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma. While attending college he worked for his family's cattle ranching business. He graduated from USAO with a Bachelors of Science in 1983. Until his retirement he was employed with the Apache Tribe of Oklahoma. During his tenure with the Apache Tribe of Oklahoma, Martin was the Director of Federally funded programs which included the H. U. D. projects, the Tribal Complex Renovations, new construction of the community service building

and housing the tribal AOA programs, Economic Development, A. N. A. projects, research and development for the A. B. C. to enact the Apache Tribe of Oklahoma Tax Code of 1987 tribal law as well as research and development of the tribal Gaming Act. He ended his employment with the Apache Tribe of Oklahoma Housing Authority as the housing manager. During his time working with the Apache Tribe of Oklahoma, he also served as an officer on the National Indian Gaming Association and developed artwork used by the tribal businesses. He was an avid golfer and enjoyed the company of his golfing relatives and friends. He remained mindful of his health to his death, walking in the park and around town and enduring any physical activity his body allowed. He loved to read with current events, science fiction and high-tech adventures his favorites. He enjoyed following Anadarko sports. He especially enjoyed watching his children, nieces, nephews and grandchildren play as well as follow and support their scholastic achievements. He was also an avid OU Sooners Fan. Martin was a member of the Apache Tribe of Oklahoma, the Apache Native American Church, the Apache Tribe of Oklahoma Blackfeet Society, the Kiowa Gourd Clan, the American Indian Science and Engineers society, the USAO Alumni Association and the Oklahoma Parks and Recreation Golf Association. He was preceded in death by his parents, his brothers; Thomas Bitseedy Jr. and Daniel Bitseedy and an infant sister Marilyn Elaine Emtaddle as well as a special aunt, Lilly "Nina" Kodaseet and a special "brother" Charles Carter. Martin is survived by his two daughters, Cynthia Marie Bitseedy and her children Amanda Sanders and husband Chance, Michael McCarthy and Rylan "Conner Dylan" Bitseedy all of Anadarko and Taysha Delores Bitseedy and her son Thomas James Kaseca of Anadarko. One great granddaughter, who was his pride and joy whom he called "Lil Sis", Kennidi Raye Sanders. One sister, Nancy Jean Williams and husband Stratford of Anadarko. Four nephews, Thomas "Sonny" Bitseedy III, of Oconomowac, WI, Rob Bitseedy and wife Robin and their children, Jade Amah and Violet "Gracie" of Anadarko. Benjamin Williams of Phoenix, AZ and his daughter Darian of Anadarko and Elijah Williams and

his children, Lenaya and Stacy of Anadarko. Six nieces, Cheryl Bitseedy of Key West, Fl, Carrie Bitseedy, Carmen Bitseedy, and Jamie Bitseedy all of Milwaukee, Wi, Abbie Spence and husband Josh of Anadarko and Haley Williams and her children, Matthew James and Lily Jade, whom he lovingly named Thi-day-cone-gyah-daw-mah-tawn, of Anadarko. One aunt Thaymeus Vigil of New Mexico. Martin is also survived by several close first cousins whom he considered his brother and sisters. They include Gary Kodaseet of Moore, Ok, Duke Tsoodle and Wallace Bitseedy, and Mary Carter all of Anadarko, Marilyn Bread of Elgin, Ok and Patty Burgess of Anadarko, Ok, and Charlene Bolinsky, Mahanoy City, Pa. As well as his immediate family Martin is survived by numerous family members throughout the country. Pallbearers are Robin Bitseedy, Benjamin Williams, Elijah Williams, John Campbell, Joey Bread, Mike Kodaseet, Zach Quoetone, Kyle Spottedhorse, Dr. Lancer Stephens, Chance Sanders and Jeremy Bread.

# Tribute Wall

MK

“ We are very sorrowful for your loss Taysha and Cindy and your Grandpa son. Our hearts go out to your family and will be in our prayers. May the Comforter visit soon.

Michael&Kristin Kaseca - August 29, 2016 at 12:00 AM

PA

“ So sorry for your loss of your father and grandfather of Thomas. If there is anything we can do, please call.

Paulette Alexander - August 29, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. I'll always remember our times at Snake's Golf tournaments. Please let me know if I can help in any way. I considered him a good friend.

Chebon Buck - August 29, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ My deepest sympathies to the family. My heart and prayers are with you.

Jason Alexander - August 29, 2016 at 12:00 AM