



## Melissa Marie Kaulaity

March 24, 1940 - August 12, 2016

Melissa Marie Kaulaity, 76, passed away on Friday, August 12th, 2016 in Lawton, OK. She was born on March 24, 1940 in Lawton, OK to Henrietta (Apayyat) and Weiser Tongkeamha. She grew up in the Carnegie area and attended school at Alden. She married Norman Harris Kaulaity on May 6, 1958 in Anadarko, OK. They relocated to San Jose, CA and lived there several years before moving back to this area where she lived most of her life. She was a descendent of Chief Satanta Whitebear. Her Kiowa Indian name was Tah-Po-Mah. Her hobbies included crossword puzzles, watching her soaps on T.V., especially The Young and The Restless. She was an avid OU and Thunder fan. She enjoyed going to pow-wows. She was a member of the Saddle Mountain Indian Baptist Church and had served as their secretary/treasure many years. She was a member of the Kiowa Tribe and was a member of the Kiowa Gourd Clan. She loved her family and was considered the matriarch of the family. She is survived by: 3 Daughters: Nora Arenas, Anadarko, OK Elaine Kaulaity, Tulsa, OK Joy Kaulaity, McCloud, OK 1 Brother: Raymond Tongkeamha, Anadarko, OK 2 Sisters: Prenella Tongkeamha, Anadarko, OK Lisa Tongkeamha LaBrada, Carnegie, OK Grandchildren: Yvonne Arenas, Zac Arenas, Gert McGee, Deeah Kaulaity, Roy Leathers, Norman Henry Kaulaity, Javier McGee, Valarie Juarez, Leah Kaulaity, Deebo Leathers, Darius McGee, Jamail (Bubba) McGee, Vlangska McGee and Skylar Peteet. 13 Pha-bees 13 Ahpees 1 Great-Great-Grandson 13 nieces and 13 nephews Her adopted brothers and sisters: Ernest Redbird,

Jr., Rickey Redbird, Tim Redbird, Karen Redbird Kaulaity, Glenda Redbird  
Special Sister: Vivian Tsatoke Komardly Special Niece: Melissa (Missy Ann)  
Pewo Special Aunt: Susie Oyebi She was preceded in death by her parents,  
Weiser and Henrietta Tongkamha, her husband Norman Harris Kaulaity in  
December, 2010. Her son; William Henry Kaulaity, her daughter, Yvette Marie  
Kaulaity Leathers, her grandson, Jamond I, McGee. Her brothers and sisters:  
Wallace Tongkeamha, Clifton Tongkeamha, Raymon Tongkeamha, James  
Tongkeamha, Bruce Tongkeama, Lavena Tongkeamha Pewo and Becky  
Tongkeamha. Prayer Service: 7:00 P.M., Wednesday, August 17, 2016 Smith  
Funeral Home Chapel, Anadarko, OK Funeral Service: 10:00 A.M., Thursday,  
August 18, 2016 First Baptist Church, Canegie, OK Interment: Carnegie  
Cemetery, Carnegie, OK Services under the direction of Smith Funeral Home,  
Anadarko, OK Messages of condolences may be sent to: [www.smithfuneralservices.com](http://www.smithfuneralservices.com)

# Tribute Wall

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“ I knew the day would comeback to me.. I loved you sooo much but little things got into view and I couldn't find that smile anywhere, but I still love you and I been missing you so, I needed that emptiness to be fulfilled with your hugs just have a moment with you once again rest in peace mamma I want to thank GOD AND HIS MERCY FOR GIVING ME LIFE... I HAVE LOST ALOT BUT I HAVE GAINED AS WELL I Had A LIFELONG EXPERIENCE,, BUT HAPPY BIRTHDAY IS ALL I WOULD LIKE TO SAY,, SEE YA WHEN I GET THERE

ELAINE KAULAITY daughter 3 - March 23, 2025 at 11:15 AM

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“ ELAINE KAULAITY Daughter 3 lit a candle in memory of Melissa Marie Kaulaity



ELAINE KAULAITY daughter 3 - March 23, 2025 at 10:57 AM

BB

“ Words are never adequate in moments like these.....but my heart goes out to the family and especially her children and grandchildren. I will always remember how kind and sweet Aunt Melissa was to me and my sisters. My condolences to the Tongkeamha/Kaulaity families. RIP Aunt Melissa.

Brenda Bowman - August 29, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ TO THE IMMEDIATE AND EXTENDED FAMILY OF MELISSA MARIE KAULAITY:

*In our life's journey, we all take different paths, and we all want to eventually be with our Creator. It is good. As a human being, we experience many types of struggles be it internal, external, physical, or spiritual; survive the best way we know and adapt from our experience and knowledge; our hearts and minds sing with our emotions, our testimony of living; we become what we have learned through our journey in this life by taking our gift of free will to become that which will honor the Creator, whom we worship, seek. With the last breath of our life when our journey ends, we know that where we go, we will always be happy and know that we will see our loved ones later in the next blink of an eye. Our spirit no longer belongs to us and returns to the Great Spirit; our joy is infinite, our happiness is boundless, and our loved ones are there to greet us. Finally, at peace and content, our spirit is at rest and no longer searches for that which we left when we first came into this world. We give thanks to the Creator for bringing this human being, beautiful person, spirit into our lives. Blessings and Condolences.*

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**Cheyenne RomanNose** - August 29, 2016 at 12:00 AM

GS

“ Prayers for family and friends. You will be missed but never forgotton

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**Gary I Methvin sr** - August 29, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SA

“ Please accept my sincere sympathy and empathy for your loss. May Daw kee, bless you and keep you and help you thru this difficult time. May her time of passing into the next life have been peaceful and met with all her loved ones. Blessings of peace and comfort to you all. God bless you all. Thinking of you in your loss.

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

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“ On behalf of the Akoneto families, we extend our condolences to our relatives on the home-going of your precious loved one. Hold near to your heart our praying ways taught by our faithful Grandparents. May God bless you and sustain you in the days ahead.

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

TC

“ I think of aunt Melissa and Uncle Norman from time to time how much fun we had together and all the kids , RIP Auntie prayers go out to the surviving family members , Love you always Mickaknee .

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**Timothy Chalepah** - August 29, 2016 at 12:00 AM