



## Milton Jonathan Noel

November 1, 1952 - August 30, 2011

MILTON JONATHAN NOEL Funeral services for Milton Jonathan Noel, Kxyap-Taw-Tdai-Dawhn (Brave Old Man), 58, will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, Sept. 3 at Rainy Mountain Kiowa Indian Baptist Church, southwest of Mountain View. A Wake service will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 2, at Riverside Indian School gymnasium, north of Anadarko. He was born Nov. 1, 1952 in Okarche. Affectionately known as "Bubba," he departed this life on Aug. 30, 2011 in Oklahoma City. He was an enrolled member of the Kiowa Tribe of Oklahoma. He was also of Choctaw and Chickasaw descent. He was given his Kiowa name by his grandfather, Charlie Toyebo. In the spring of 1833, Kxyap-Taw-Tdai-Dawhn defended the Kiowa Camp by shooting arrows at the Osages to allow Kiowa women and children to escape from the massacre at Cutthroat Gap. Throughout a lifetime, Kiowas traditionally had two names. Milton's boyhood name was Tdai-Saw-Tahlee, which means "Boy of the Cross." This name was given to him by his great grandfather, Jimmy Quoetone, who visited him as a newborn at the Catholic hospital. While being led into the hospital, Jimmy Quoetone, who was blind, felt the crosses, and bestowed the name onto his great grandson. Bubba graduated from Anadarko High School in May 1970. He received his Bachelor of Science degree in 1974, Master of Education in 1975, and Master of School Administration in 1987, from Southwestern Oklahoma State University. Bubba began his teaching profession at Red Rock High School in Red Rock, Oklahoma. He then taught industrial arts at Fort Wingate, New Mexico then

returned to Oklahoma to teach industrial arts at Elgin High School. After teaching, he began serving Riverside Indian School from 1987 to present in various roles, including athletic director, superintendent, and principal. His lifelong goal was to encourage Native American students to complete their education. Throughout his life, he embraced his Kiowa traditions through language, Christian hymns, dancing, singing, and craft and feather work. His passion revolved around learning, teaching, and retaining Kiowa culture. He exemplified a true Kiowa gentleman through his gentleness, compassion and concern for others, and his special gift and ability of knowing and sharing Kiowa lineage and Kiowa history. In the Kiowa language, the word Kxome-ee best describes him and his life. It implies that he learned greatly from his Kiowa elders. Lynn and Edna Pauahy taught him beadwork and feather work, his grandfather, Milton Toyebo taught him the trombone, and Fred Tsoodle taught him Kiowa Christian hymns and his love for the Kiowa Gourd Clan. Within the Kiowa Gourd Clan, he was a faithful and dedicated member and cherished the annual encampment. Due to his love of Kiowa Children's songs and lullabies, he assisted Gus Palmer, Sr. with the Rabbit Society and later became Poe-Lah-Yee-Kone-Tday, Grandpa Rabbit. His grandparents, Milton and Margaret Toyebo, instilled in him a Christian upbringing. From this, grew his love for Rainy Mountain Church, where he was a song leader, Sunday school teacher, moderator, and deacon. He learned to speak and translate Kiowa from Kiowa Christian hymns. He studied translation of Kiowa through recorded songs, speeches, and prayers. On Thursday, August 25, 2011, Bubba and Gloria Toppah, celebrated their 39th wedding anniversary. From this union came two daughters, Christina "Crissy" Marie and Julia Rose "Ay-Kehn-Mah." Bubba was truly a doting "papa" to Aubrey, Lily, Brother, Micah and Kylee. Bubba was preceded in death by his fathers, Leo Noel and Fred Tsoodle. Survivors include his wife and daughters; his mothers, Patricia Noel and Peggy Tsoodle; his uncle, Lawrence Noel; three aunts, Wanema Noel, Joann Brewer, and Tressia Ables. He is also survived by his sisters, Janis Noel, Margaret Lee, Mable Cozad; one brother, Timothy Tsoodle; a son, Kyle

Robedeaux, and an adopted daughter, Tara White from Crow Agency, Montana. Internment will be at Rainy Mountain cemetery. Services are under the direction of Smith Funeral Home in Anadarko.

# Tribute Wall

FF

“ To my dear friend Gloria and girls. It is a sad time for all of us. I had heard that Bubba had been sick but I did not followup on it. There were so many fond memories we all shared. I just want to tell you that you guys have been one of our dearest friends. Nothing will ever replace the really good times we had. Remember when we were as poor as church mice and to make some money, we decided to go to Grand Prairie, TX so Bubba could contest and he WON 1st place. We went down there with \$80.00,(2 families, yours and ours) ate lunch meat sandwiches and cheap sodas. We bought cheap gas and bought as little as possible. Then we suffered in the 110 degree weather all weekend.....we were nuts, but we sure had fun. I didn't keep track of all the pow wows we went to, but that is how we fell in love with gourd dancing and pow wows. Do you know that Tammy learned all the gourd dance songs when she was a little girl and she still remembers them? Remember when the Indian Club from school all went to the prison in Yukon (I think it was Yukon) on a Sunday afternoon and had a mini pow wow for the inmates. What a blast. The Natives were thrilled to bits and kept thanking us for coming. I remember the cool things that Bubba said to them, he certainly was a gentle man. Oh yeah, we went to Monroe and Johanna's wedding. What a beautiful wedding with all those beautiful people. Remember when Stu's mom and dad came to the school for Indian Heritage week? They had such a good time as did all the students. Mr. Barton was an amazing story teller. We had wonderful cookouts and good times with all the Noels and Tsoodles. We enjoyed going to Rainy Mt. Baptist Church. Well, dear friends, we want to extend our love and condolences during this sad time. You are always in our hearts. You are in our prayers for now and always. Tammy, CB and Trudi extend their love also. In all, they have 8 children (1 is in heaven). As all grandparents, we love them very much. I know for sure Glo, that you and Bubba loved your grandkids very much. We will pray for you. Be strong for your girls and grandkids. Bubba is looking down on us and no longer has any pain. We love you all: Crissy and Julia. I have had many calls from different ones wondering if we had heard about Bubba so the word has gotten around. We will not forget you. Love, Flo

**Flo Barton and family** - August 29, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ I have just moved back to Oklahoma after retiring and was not aware of Bubba's passing until about a week ago. I had the privilege of knowing Bubba in college at Weatherford. We were both in the education program and worked with the " Southwest Indian Cultural Center" as it was known by back in the early to mid seventies. He was a good man and friend to me back in those days. We had lost touch after so many years, but I have many fond memories. My prayers and sympathies go out to your family and friends. May the Creator comfort you through these times and guide your future safely.

**Ron Shackelford** - August 29, 2016 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ Gloria, Crissy, and Julia Rose. My regards to you and your family. Indian Country has lost one of the kindest, most gentle of humans. Not to mention "Funny as all get out"! I could not make it to the funeral, but rest assured my thoughts are with you. I can only imagine what Bubba and my mother are stirring up in Heaven! We are lucky to have them watching over all of us. When possible e-mail me @ ceremonialtf1@gmail.com. I would love to hear from you! Peace to you always, Teri Fraizer

**Teri Fraizer** - August 29, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ Gloria and girls. I just learned of your sorrow. I worked with Bubba at Wingate High School and I remember that he always had a smile for everyone. I will say a prayer for your family and I wish you well.  
LSW

**Linda Sue Warner** - August 29, 2016 at 12:00 AM

WC

“ Gloria and Family,

*On behalf of the Berlin Christian Church (New Berlin, IL) family, I want you to know that our prayers are with you as you grieve Bubba's death. We are grateful to have enjoyed his friendship during our visits to Rainy Mountain. I can remember setting up big tipis with Bubba for an overnight VBS. We had a memorable meal of Indian Tacos and Fry Bread at your home. You were such gracious hosts.*

*I can remember Bubba offering to come to Illinois to visit us with the following qualification. He said, "Don't ask us to play the Indians in any Thanksgiving plays." :)*

*We praise God for Bubba's faithfulness to the Lord's work, his family, and the community. May God comfort you with the power of the Holy Spirit.*

*"You have made known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand." (David, Psalm 16.11)*

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**Warren Brosi-Berlin Christian Church - August 29, 2016 at 12:00 AM**