



## Mr. Kris Daniel Taptto

April 24, 1964 - January 19, 2015

Kris Taptto, 50, of Anadarko, Oklahoma, passed peacefully in the early morning of Sunday, January 18, 2015 at his home with his loving family at his side. A Rosary/Prayer service will be held at 7:00 P.M., Tuesday, January 20, 2015 at the Smith Funeral Home Chapel in Anadarko. Funeral Services will be held at 11:00 A.M., Wednesday, January 21, 2015 at the St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Anadarko, Oklahoma. Burial will be in the Memory Lane Cemetery under the direction of Smith Funeral Home in Anadarko, Oklahoma. Kris was born on April 24, 1964 to Patricia and Bob Taptto. He attended and graduated from Anadarko School in 1982 and made many lifelong friends. He attended college at USAO in Chickasha. He then attended the Federal BIA Law Enforcement Training Center in Marana, Arizona and became a BIA Law Enforcement Officer. He worked for the National Park Service from 1982 to 1983 in Sulphur, Oklahoma and for the Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge. He was also a Security Officer for the Kiowa Tribe. Kris enjoyed fishing, hiking, and being close to nature. He could be found in the stands of Anadarko Warrior Football, basketball, and softball games. He and his son took part in many hunting adventures, which he treasured greatly. Kris was quite the fisherman, teaching his kids and their friends how to reel 'em in. He liked watching the old John Wayne & Clint Eastwood western movies, and listening to various artists such as Stevie Ray Vaughn, Lynard Skynard, Elvis and the Beatles. Kris was a loving, caring, and kind husband and father who thought the world of his kids and family. He was a quiet and gentle man who will be

forever missed by all. Kris leaves behind to cherish his memory, his wife, Sharon Taptto; daughters: Kelli Taptto and Shannon Marie Taptto Martinez and her husband, Randy; son, Eric Taptto; granddaughter, Allison; special cousin, Nick Lopez; Mother, Patricia Taptto, brother, Mike Taptto, numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, other relatives and friends. Kris is preceded in death by his father, Bob Taptto; his brother, Russell Taptto; paternal grandmother, Susie Tawkoyty; aunt, Ruby Lopez; maternal grandparents: Bill and Lottie Quoetone and uncle William Larry Quoetone. A meal in Kris's honor will be held at the St. Patrick's Church activities building after the cemetery services. All are welcome to attend. Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.smit-hfuneralservices.com](http://www.smit-hfuneralservices.com)

# Tribute Wall

JK

“ To the family, I certainly thought a lot of Kris and I considered him one of my best friends not only in working with him but outside of that environment. Working with Kris I found him to be hard working and very dedicated to completing the task at hand. Kris was very well liked and will be missed. Sharon, I will pray for comfort and strength for you and the family. God Bless You!

*Matthew 5:4. Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.*

*John & Rhonda*

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**John Ketcher** - August 29, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ Our loss is the Creators gain, you can now share with him your thanks for allowing you just a little more time to know and love your granddaughter, Allison. Your eyes would shine when you talked about her just like your hunting trips with Eric, or softball & basketball games of Shannon & Kelli. I asked you one time what the secret to a strong marriage like yours & Sharons and you told me, never say anything you don't mean and never go to sleep with anger in your heart. You Blessed my life with your friendship and I am a better person for having known you, Sharon, and the kids. Sharon, Eric, Kelli, and Shannon, I am only a phone call away if you ever need anything. May the Creator Bless you and keep you all close always. Jay

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**James (Jay) Truly** - August 29, 2016 at 12:00 AM

PR

“ Our family sends to you our deepest regrets for your loss. Our prayers are with you. I enjoyed talking to him about family and things.

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**Patrick Van Redbird** - August 29, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ *My Dear Relatives:*  
Once again, Life reminds us that we do not know what tomorrow brings. My prayers and thoughts go out to each of you. Kris was blessed to descend from a long line of faithful Believers. Their fervent prayers will sustain the family in the days ahead. God bless you.

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

RT

“ *Kris, you will truly be missed by family & friends. Your service to the Bureau of Indian Affairs will be greatly missed because of your devotion & dedication of serving Indian Country & to the local Anadarko Community for so many years. It has been a great honor of knowing you as a friend & family. Our heart & our blessing pours out to your family. Rest in Peace, Kris.*

*Richard, Tammy & Tiffany Taptto, January 20, 2015*

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**Richard Taptto** - August 29, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Kris was such a great person. He will live on in our memories forever. May God bless and strengthen you.*

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**Sherry Lovin** - August 29, 2016 at 12:00 AM