Rudolph Bantista

September 24, 1930 - April 22, 2020

Rudolph "Rudy" Bantista was born September 24th 1930. He passed away peacefully at 12:40 am on April 22, 2020 at the age of 89 years. Rudy grew up in the Anadarko area and attended St. Patrick Indian Mission. He later attended Haskell. He joined the Army National Guard and later worked for many years for the U.S. Civil Service. Rudy was an enrolled member of the Kiowa Tribe of Oklahoma and was fluent in the Kiowa language. He was also a member of the Ton-Kon-Ga(Kiowa Black Leggings Warrior Society) and the Kiowa Gourd Clan. Rudy was also a writer for the Kiowa newspaper for many years.Rudy was predeceased by his maternal grandparents, Turkey and Kitty of Anadarko, his Mother, Estelle(Turkey) Lingschiet of Anadarko, his wife, Delores Bantista of Anadarko, Daughter, Rebecca Bantista of Anadarko, Daughter, Ruth Bantista of Tahlequah, Son, Robert Bantista of Tahlequah and Grandson, Abram Black of Tulsa. He is Survived by 5 children, his Son, Rudy Michael Bantista and wife, Lorraine of New Mexico, Son, Ronald Bantista, Son, Raymond Bantista, Daughter Ramona Quoetone of Tulsa and Daughter Renee of Medford. 13 grandchildren, Granddaughter, Galela Dalby and husband, Michael of Anadarko, Grandson, Doran Black of Tulsa, Grandson, Mason Frakes of Tulsa, Grandson, Benjamin Bantista of Tahlequah, Granddaughter, Rebecca Panther, Granddaughter, Christine Panther, Grandson Willie Panther of Tahlequah, Grandson, Michael, Granddaughter Sarah, Grandson Yhvah Bantista, Granddaughter Elena Bantista, Grandson Tegan and Grandson Kaudletallee. Great Grandchildren, Kateri and Wyatt

Dalby of Anadarko and Ico Bantista of Tahlequah and many other family and friends.There will be a graveside service given by Fr. Carl Janocha at Memory Lane Cemetery in Anadarko, OK on Friday, April 24, 2020 at 10:00am. A Memorial Mass at St. Patrick Catholic Church will be held at a later date. Services under the direction of Smith Funeral Home, Anadarko, OK.Condolences may be sent to the family at www.smithfuneralservices.com

Tribute Wall

KD

Kateri Dalby lit a candle in memory of Rudolph Bantista

Kateri Dalby - February 25 at 03:44 PM

WD

Wyatt Dalby lit a candle in memory of Rudolph Bantista

Wyatt Dalby - March 07, 2025 at 10:38 AM

TN

There are so many memories that I have been recalling since I heard of Rudy's passing from this life on earth to his life eternal. The obituary said that he passed away peacefully, I can imagine that when he opened his eyes, there was Rebecca. Rest In Peace. May the Holy Spirit give His Gifts to those who Rudy loved and who loved him.

Theresa Nault - April 25, 2020 at 12:00 AM

FA

Fond memories of my dear Grandma Sadie Redhorn Akoneto's cousins Estelle & Ruby. We were proud of Rudy's love for the Kiowa ways and his military service. God bless our relatives in your time of sorrow.

Franklin E. Akoneto - April 25, 2020 at 12:00 AM

BR

Your Family Sir is in My Thoughts and Prayers. I always Respected You and The Man that you were. You were my Dad's friend and he always spoke Highly of You. R.I.P. Mr. Bantista.

Bill Reedy - April 24, 2020 at 12:00 AM

CI

I'll always remember the trip I took with Ramona to Lake Charles to help with a little clearing out. While we were there Rudy insisted we see some of the area, which included a tour of a nature preserve, delicious food and petting an alligator. When he suggested we take a trip to the casino I had to smile when he pulled out 3 bags of coins for us to use! Rudy was such a talented man. He was gifted in the arts and used all different mediums. He even has a story he wrote about the Black Legging Warriors. Love it! You will be missed Rudy! Can't wait for my art lessons in heaven!!!

cindalaplante@yahoo.com - April 24, 2020 at 12:00 AM

SA

Samantha lit a candle in memory of Rudolph Bantista

Samantha - April 23, 2020 at 12:00 AM