



Arlene Josephine "A-mupumi" "Shiquiempt" James-Teeias

February 10, 1935 - September 8, 2018

Arlene Josephine "A-mupumi" "Shiquiempt" James-Teeias (83) of Harrah passed away at the Cottage in the Meadow on Saturday September 8, 2018. Arlene was born on February 10, 1935 south of Toppenish in the Alfalfa area to Joseph "Nekewyema" and Jenny (Tulalakus) Wesley. She was raised and educated in White Swan and at the Indian Christian Mission. She was the first Miss Indian America in 1953. She raised her family on the Yakama Reservation and worked for the Yakama Nation as a Community Health Representative for over 30 years retiring in 2010. She will be remembered for her love for people always sending cards and poems throughout the year to over 400 people. She enjoyed beading floral bags and will be remembered as White Swan High School's # 1 fan at its sporting events. She is survived by her two sons, Kenneth James-Teeias of Harrah and Hugh James-Teeias of Medical Lake; five daughters, Launa Ambrose of Yakima, Laurie James and Laurene Contreras both of Toppenish, Laurel James-Teeias of Harrah and Lucy Brown of Zillah; 21 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren. Arlene was preceded in death by her husband; two sons and six siblings. Dressing services were held at Colonial Funeral Home on Monday September 10, 2018 at 2PM. Overnight services following at the Toppenish Creek Longhouse in White Swan with a procession leaving for the Toppenish Creek Cemetery at 5:15AM Tuesday. Friends can send condolences at www.toppenishfunerals.com. Heggie's Colonial Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Toppenish Creek Cemetery

White Swan, WA

Previous Events

Dressing Services

SEP 10. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (PT)

Colonial Funeral Home
228 S. Alder
Toppenish, WA

Overnight Service

SEP 10. 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM (PT)

Toppenish Creek Longhouse
Pom Pom Road off Signal Peak turn left at Log Church
White Swan, WA

Tribute Wall



“ *Arlene Josephine "A-mupumi" "Shiquiempt" James-Teeias*

October 05, 2023 at 11:22 AM



“ *I was lucky enough to sit by this nice lady at an elders dinner in Tulalip one year. Following that encounter, I received such thoughtful cards and poems from her until I noticed they stopped coming and thought to check and just find out she passed. My condolences to her family, and I apologize for the late thoughts, they are sincere just the same. I kept the cards and would look at them every now and then and smile, and I would say a prayer for her. Such beautiful woman that brought brightness to this world.*

Nancy McAllaster, Lapwai

Nancy McAllaster - January 17, 2020 at 02:21 PM



“ *To all of the family -*

I am so sorry for your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers. May happy memories comfort you at this time.

Teresa Gonzalez



Teresa Gonzalez - September 13, 2018 at 09:05 PM

TS

“ I thank our dear elder for her kindred spirit that flows within each of us whose lives she touched with remembrance in kind by her smile, gesture, giving nature and relating to us the deep roots of our cultural heritage, treaty rights, and freedom of speech at GC. Her presence will leave a big void for YN and I send my sincere condolences for your great loss. I will continue to pray for each of you, we must find comfort that she's in presence of those that she loved and followed teachings of...Love you very much Arlene.



Trina Sherwood - September 13, 2018 at 04:51 PM

CR

“ My dear friend Arlene, You have walked through those huckleberry fields and climbed that mountain . You will continue to be cherished as well as missed; you never forgot a holiday or a birthday and you took time to include your beloved poetry and often wrote your own. In your career, you served all people, with a tender heart, a kind word, an uplifting smile, and your marvelous helpful ways. I shall miss our many luncheons but you once told me that if I find a nickel where we used to eat, you would be "sending a card." I found that nickel today. Blessings to your family now and in the lonely times to come. Colleen Reimer

Colleen Reimer - September 12, 2018 at 09:40 PM

TW

“ Hugs and prayers to the famiky, friends, community. ♡

Teresa Ann Wesley - September 11, 2018 at 08:09 PM

MS

“ O no i am so so Sorry. we really will miss her she was a beautiful lady we all loved so much. all my love Hugs and Prayers out to all her family. so so sorry i just wish i could of been wity you all . love you all. Marella Sam Family

Marella Sam - September 11, 2018 at 03:48 PM

AF

“ Prayers for Family and Friends!



Abel French - September 11, 2018 at 12:50 PM

DJ

“ I send my condolences, love & prayers for the family left behind for the loss of a beautiful kind hearted lady. I will miss her smile and visits we had whenever we ran into each other. It was really nice to see her when Yakama AAOA brought the seniors over to the Swinomish Elders Luncheon. I hope she enjoyed what I asked my brother to give her at that time. I also pray for strength for the family, take care.

Debra M. Johnson

<https://s3.amazonaws.com/storage.lifetributes.com/Gifts/Hug.png>

Debra M. Johnson - September 11, 2018 at 12:28 PM

JC

“ I remember will when Arlene was chosen as Miss Indian America for she along with Jim Wesley was in our class that graduated in 1955. She was a girl that always enjoyed life and we know she did her best to make sure that others enjoyed life as well. We never know when. we are going to be called home and my prayer is that Arlene Knew the Lord as her personal Savior for it is the Lord that is going to judge the righteous and the evil. So Arlene just all was well with your soul and you know the Lord as your savior so your resting in the arms. of your creator God. Blessing to your family as they continue to live for I trust in God!

Jerral Campfield - September 11, 2018 at 11:50 AM

JU

“ Julie Umtuch lit a candle in memory of Arlene Josephine "A-mupumi" "Shiquiempt" James-Teeias



Julie Umtuch - September 11, 2018 at 10:26 AM

FS

“ Sending prayers for the family! Will miss her smile and love that she gave us! SlimJohn Smith Family



Fern SlimJohn-Smith - September 11, 2018 at 01:15 AM

MJ

“ Maggie James sent a virtual gift in memory of Arlene Josephine "A-mupumi" "Shiquiempt" James-Teeias



Maggie James - September 10, 2018 at 07:24 PM

MF

“ Mardell Wallahee N Family lit a candle in memory of Arlene Josephine "A-mupumi" "Shiquiempt" James-Teeias



Mardell Wallahee n Family - September 10, 2018 at 04:24 PM



“ A well loved and respected woman of our people who will be remembered for her generous heart of giving, providing guidance, and encouraging words. Blessings to the family left behind in comfort, strength and guidance from Creator above.

Kianpum Angeline Phillips-Sappallel - September 10, 2018 at 03:23 PM