



## Bertha Marlene Elwell

April 16, 1960 - May 30, 2017

Bertha Marlene Elwell, 57, of Toppenish passed away on May 30, 2017 at Yakima Regional Hospital. Bertha was born on April 16, 1960 to Martha (Clark) and Fredrick Hansen in Toppenish. She was raised and educated in Toppenish, attended YVCC, and took online classes as well. Bertha was a member of the Yakama Nation and attended the 1910 Shaker Church in White Swan.

Bertha worked for over 30 years for the Yakama Nation and most recently was a bookkeeper at the RAP Program. When not working, her favorite hobbies included spending time with her grandchildren, camping, and preparing traditional native foods.

She is survived by her husband, Galen Elwell; her 5 daughters, Tricia, Julie, Elise, Megan, and Aleeha; her 5 sons, Stephen, Levi, Benjamin, Martin, and Clayton; her brothers, Jess Goudy and Cochise Abrahamson; her sisters, Maxine George, Myrna Washines, and Lilla Hansen; her uncles, Lawrence Hansen, Robert Cruz, and Lawrence Howell; and her numerous grandchildren.

Bertha was preceded in death by both her parents; 3 brothers; and 1 sister. A Dressing Service will be held on Thursday, June 1st at 10:00 a.m. at Colonial Funeral Home. Overnight Services will be held at the 1910 Shaker Church with burial to follow on Friday, June 2, at 9:00 a.m. at the 1910 Shaker Church Cemetery. Heggie's Colonial Funeral Home is entrusted with the arrangements.



# Previous Events

## Dressing Services

JUN 1. 10:00 AM (PT)

Colonial Funeral Home  
228 S. Alder  
Toppenish, WA

## Overnight Service

JUN 1. 11:15 AM (PT)

1910 Shaker Church  
N. Shaker Church Road  
White Swan, WA

# Tribute Wall



“ *Bertha Marlene Elwell*

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October 05, 2023 at 11:22 AM



“ *Julie Salguiero lit a candle in memory of Bertha Marlene Elwell*



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**Julie Salguiero** - May 31, 2017 at 07:52 PM



“ *Aileen Jimmy lit a candle in memory of Bertha Marlene Elwell*



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**Aileen Jimmy** - May 31, 2017 at 03:40 PM

DE

“ Condolences and prayers for the family, Bertha was an amazing woman whom I got to know these past two years and I will miss her smile and laughter. Had the pleasure of sharing laughter and concerns. "We are strong Native women! We never quit" Was our great talk we had.... and she was a great friend. Thank you family for sharing her wonderful spirit....

*Sincerely with respect,*

*Deanna Sonnie*

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**Deanna** - May 31, 2017 at 11:35 AM

MJ

“ *Maggie James lit a candle in memory of Bertha Marlene Elwell*



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**Maggie James** - May 31, 2017 at 08:54 AM

TS

“ *Bertha was a good person and i love her she was my auntie rip auntie*

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**Teresa Smith** - May 30, 2017 at 09:10 PM

TG

“ *Tamera Gardee lit a candle in memory of Bertha Marlene Elwell*



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**tamera gardee** - May 30, 2017 at 08:34 PM

TG

*Condolences to the family.*

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**tamera gardeee** - May 30, 2017 at 08:35 PM

KP

*Good bye to a beautiful mother/grandmother/cousin/auntie/friend. RIP and condolences to the family. Karen Pinkham*

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**Karen Pinkham** - May 31, 2017 at 09:55 AM