



Charles Martinez

June 22, 1967 - November 3, 2009

Charles Martinez (42) of Wapato died in Wapato on November 3, 2009. He was born in Seattle on June 22, 1967 to Charles C. and Jane (Torres) Martinez. He was raised and educated in White Swan and joined the National Guard following high school. He was an E-5 Sergeant in the 1st 3003rd Armored Division. He moved to California where he married and was a heavy equipment operator. He moved back to the Yakima Valley in 2007 where he worked for the Yakama Nation Roads Dept. in the same capacity. He enjoyed wild horse racing, tanning hides, arts & crafts, snow skiing, boating, hunting and fishing and spending time with his family. He is survived by his significant other, Laura Jack of Wapato; his parents, Charles Martinez of White Swan and Jane Rodriguez of Lincoln, NE; three sons, Jory Shinpaugh of Yakima, Freedom Martinez and Gray Eagle Camacho-Martinez both of South Lake Tahoe, CA; two daughters, Tatiana (Sundron Miller) Jack of Wapato and Zamora Martinez of South Lake Tahoe, CA; one grandchild, TaLeah Miller of White Swan; two brothers, Jacob Hawes of Salem, OR and Leo Rodriguez of Lincoln, NE; four sisters, Dolores Martinez of White Swan, Sandra Martinez of Toppenish, Maria Martinez of White Swan and Marcella Tish-Martinez of Warm Springs, OR; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. He was preceded in death by one son, Apaullo, one grandchild and one nephew. Dressing services will be held on Thursday (today) November 5, 2009 at 1PM at Colonial Funeral Home. Overnight services will be tonight at the Toppenish Creek Longhouse in White Swan with funeral services starting at 7AM Friday

at the Longhouse. Services will conclude at the Longhouse. Friends may send condolences at www.toppenishfunerals.com. Colonial Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Previous Events

Service

NOV 5. 7:00 PM (PT)

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

Service

NOV 6. 7:00 AM (PT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Charles Martinez

October 05, 2023 at 11:22 AM



“ Not a day goes by that i don't miss your infectious laugh. I miss your smile that would light up the room. i miss all the would haves and could of been. You were my hero and it's still hard to understand why you left. They said time would heal my pain but all these years later the pain is still there. I would give anything for one more laugh, one more talk, one more memory. Forever in my heart dad.



Zamora - May 18, 2020 at 11:28 PM



“ ...almost 2 years later and I find out someone I loved very much is gone from the earth. I have many questions that will probably go unanswered, but I carry with me the many wonderful memories we shared. I will keep looking at the full moon every month and remember you. Your smile is forever etched in my mind. My most sincere condolences to the family.##imported-begin##Amy Williams##imported-end##

May 23, 2011 at 09:10 AM



“ I will miss Charley very much.. His presence was so strong and bright. Also, as a child he showed me to throw a football and softball.. He meant a lot to the entire family. . my prayers for La,Tots, and Teliapum..##imported-begin##Dawn##imported-end##

November 08, 2009 at 08:44 PM



“ YOUR SMILE WOULD BRIGHTEN ANYBODY'S DAY.... YOU WILL BE MISSED GREATLY##imported-begin##SALLY P. ARMOUR(IKE) ##imported-end##

November 06, 2009 at 04:33 PM



“ our time was short, and not the best at times but your always be my coastal, we will miss you.... Nick & Tracee....##imported-begin##Nickolaus##imported-end##

November 05, 2009 at 07:00 PM