



## Darrell Quaempts Kuneki

August 10, 1954 - September 22, 2011

Darrell Quaempts Kuneki (57) of Goldendale passed away on September 22, 2011 near Toppenish. He was born to Johnny Quaempts Keneki and Catherine Albert on August 10, 1954. Darrell was raised by his grandmother, Bessie Quaempts Kuneki in White Salmon. Darrell was known throughout the valley as "DQ" and "River Indian". Darrell enjoyed fishing the Columbia River in his young life, Cooking traditional foods at gatherings, and being with his family and friends. Darrell will be missed, was loved very much but we wish him a safe travel to the next world. Ride hard & fast and don't look back. Rest now until we meet again. God be with you.

Darrell is survived by his daughter, Freedom of Minneapolis, MN; his mother/aunt, M. Lorraine P. Hunt of Toppenish; uncles, Leroy Decoteau, Victor Andrews and Kipp Albert; sisters, Regina Jerry, Maggie E. George, Laura Hunt, Dora, Peggy and Suzanne Quaempts Kuneki; brothers, Ron George Sr., Andrew and Patrick Hunt, Reggie, Ronnie, Elliott and Douglas Quaempts-Kuneki; special young family members, Alvin San Juan, Amanda, Ron Jr., and Rhonda Goerge, Jayme Hunt, Raylene, Lillian and Jasmine S. Lee.

He was preceded in death by his parents and grandparents, Tom Albert, Bessie Quaempts Kuneki & Louise Leo Jackson; his brothers, Johnny Doyle and Garland Jerry; sisters, Connie Lee, Baby Cookie and Wilma Sam.

Overnight services were held at the Toppenish Longhouse on Friday September 23, 2011 at 7PM. Funeral services will be at the Pete Cemetery near Mabton on Saturday at sunrise. Friends may send condolences at [www.t](http://www.t)

[oppenishfunerals.com](http://oppenishfunerals.com). Colonial Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

# Previous Events

## Service

SEP **23**. 7:00 PM (PT)

Toppenish Longhouse  
Robbins Road  
Toppenish, WA

# Tribute Wall



“ *Darrell Quaempts Kuneki*

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October 05, 2023 at 11:22 AM



“ *Darrel went to Columbia High School with me. It was only this evening that I found this obituary. I'm sorry to hear this news. We were never close friends, as he was two years older, but I always liked him. He was nice to me, and had a great sense of humor.*

*I always wanted to see him again, and tell him of this memory of him. He was quite athletic, and was a graceful runner. He was perhaps the fastest runner that I ever saw in person.*

*My memory is of him running around the track at Columbia High. He was tall, and had long hair, and it seems to be streaming out straight behind his head as he surged forward. I remember just watching from the grandstands in awe at his speed and grace.*

*Perhaps hundreds of times that memory has come to mind, whenever I think of White Salmon. Since I hadn't said anything about it to him then, I always imagined that some day we would cross paths, and I could tell him. My hope now is that members of his family will read this and smile.*

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**David Larsen** - April 12, 2018 at 03:53 AM



“ To the family of "DQ"!

*We are so sorry for your loss and we are sending our love and thoughts and prayers to you and family that is left behind....sorry we could not be there for the services and the funeral....We love you all and take care and may the good lord bless you and watch over you in this trying time.*

*Bernice Owens for Lena Owens and family##imported-begin##Bernice Owens##imported-end##*

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September 26, 2011 at 12:33 PM