



## Davis Edward Washines

October 27, 1951 - May 1, 2026

Davis Edward Washines – Yellowash – Walked On Friday, May 1, 20026. He was born on Saturday, October 27, 1951, to Lena Meninick and Edward Emmett (Cassaseeka) Washines. He attended Roosevelt Elementary School and Middle School at Granger, Wash. He graduated from Riverside Indian School, Anadarko, Okla. in 1970. He attended the University of Washington. During his four years at Riverside, he played basketball, football and baseball. He said that if it was a few years earlier, he would have got to play against Johnny Bench in baseball and basketball. He was proud of the fact that the Riverside Braves beat the number one ranked and undefeated Cordell High School, which went on to the win the Oklahoma state title – “But we were the ‘one’ of their season’s 23-1 record.” He started his 30-plus years’ law enforcement career in 1973 with the Yakama Nation Tribal Police Department, which included being its Chief of Police from 1986 to 1996, and again in 2005 to 2008. He served as Chief of Police for the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fisheries Enforcement from 2010 to 2013. At the time of his passing, Yellowash was working as the Government Relations Liaison for the Yakama Nation Department of Natural Resources under the Superfund Projects of Fisheries Resources Management. His service to and for his people, resources and way of life included serving on the Yakama Nation Tribal Council and as Yakama Nation General Council Chairman from 2014 to 2019. He also found the time to serve as a paraprofessional councilor and Ichishkiin instructor for the Wapato School District. He was a director and taught youth

at the Yakama Nation's Camp Chaparral. He gained a steadfast work ethic at an early age – picking Cherry Hill cherries and other harvest work – to help with family income. He even went out and topped rutabaga on his birthday. His Walk – dedication to Yakama tradition, culture and spirituality – had him being asked to serve on numerous service boards, including Board Chair for the Willamette Falls Trust, a Trustee for the Pacific Northwest University of Health Sciences, and Vice-Chairman of the Native American Advisory Board for the Burke Museum at the University of Washington. His valued words of guidance will always be held in high regard. He was a team member on the Toppenish Babyoosus peewee basketball team, the Satus Cowboys basketball team and the Yakama Nation Scalpers softball team. He was a game announcer for the Yakama Nation All-Indian Men's Basketball Tournament, and for several high schools. He did his best to split time to attend sporting events for the youth in his life. He was a devoted Seattle SuperSonics, Mariners and Seahawks fan. His devoted religious calling had him attending all tribal longhouses and Indian Shaker churches – especially the 1910 Satus Shaker Church. His companion, Carmen Buck and grandchildren, his daughters, Winona Washines, Josephine Buck, Crystal Buck, Elissa Buck, his sons, Andrew Washines, Asa Washines, Michael Buck, and Lawrence Buck, his grandchildren, Kailum, K'wayam and Kenneth, his other loves, Aubrey Strom, Harkan Maguire, Cecilia Greene, Michelle Strom, Darian Arquette, Pearl Strom, Jonet Arquette, Liana Wheeler, Josiah Arquette, Stellan Strom, Cam, Tyler, Kayden, Delonte, Hunttyr, Jasper, Jalon, Leveyah, Julian, Matthew, Ro, Zay, Kayce, Jax, Tate (Baby Squeal), Baby Rommie, Colton, Jalon Rowland, Amiyah, Amari, Aaliyah, Armani, and Jace, MaLena, Eagle, Jessica, Dominic, Kara, Kody, Quanning, J'Lynn, Jaycene, Tania, Luke, Jacoby, Trevor, Draidan, Cari-Gene, Alice, Zora, Brandon, Jared, Lianna, Leandro, Xiamara, Healani, Brittany, Elihah, Alexa, Elora, Carman Jae, Isabella, Quin, Huli, Timnayi, Xilanii, Maceo, Mila, Zoe, Chadwick, Danielle, Glenda, Donovan, Kevin, Aulena, Eliza, Ahtanum, Jordan, Jimmy Tyler, Glenna, his sisters, Angie Phillips, Myrna Washines, Stella Washines, Beverly

(Clendon) Allen, and Doris Peters, his brothers, Tony Washines, Archie Washines, Ronnie Washines and Edward Arlen Washines, his nieces and nephews, Sandra Shike Danzuka, Mina Shike, Lana Shike, Victoria Washines, Sonda Washines (Bill) Mullen, Aric Washines, Emily (Jon) Washines-Shellenberger, Elese (Brandon) Washines-Blodgett, Ronna Washines, Dayel (Jasmine) Washines, Maggie (Mike Auld) Washines, Wah-Leah Washines, Devon Stalcup, and Aulena Phillips Carl, his nephews, Raymond Shike, Jr., James Shike, Joey Shike, Windcloud Washines, Whirlwind Washines, Brandon Washines, Ta-wai-a Alvarado, Brian Washines, Ronn Cassesseka Washines, John Washines and Kevin Phillips. Did the best to count everybody. His mother, Lena Meninick Phillips, his father, Edward Emmett Washines, his grandmothers, Josephine Tanewasher and Maggie Syyou, his sisters, Harriet Strom, Joanna Meninick, Lorraine Shike Lawrence and Ruth Maldonado, his aunts, Hazel Elizabeth Watlamet and Anona Casseseka Bertram, his brothers, Jasper Washines, Clifford Cassesseka, Leon Strom, Ernie Washines, William Meninick, his nephews, Emmet Washines, Jared Washines, Rommel Strom, Jeffrey Strom, Matthew Tomaskin, Leonard Tomaskin, Jr., Patrick Tomaskin, his nieces Vivian Tomaskin, Karen Tomaskin, Ella Jane Washines, Velma Washines, his uncles, Raymond "Jimmy" Watlamet, Leonard Tomaskin, Raymond Shike, James Shike, his numerous, uncles, aunts, cousins, nieces and nephews. His Dressing Service was held on Monday, May 4, in the Toppenish Community Center followed with overnight religious services. Morning burial services were held on Tuesday, May 5 in the Husum Cemetery.

# Cemetery Details

## Husum Cemetery

White Salmon, WA

# Previous Events

## Dressing Services

MAY 4. 10:00 AM (PT)

Toppenish Community Center  
600 N. Meyers Road  
Toppenish,, WA

## Burial

MAY 5.

Husum Cemetery  
White Salmon, WA

# Tribute Wall

BO

“ *Bernice Owens lit a candle in memory of Davis Edward Washines*



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**Bernice Owens** - May 11 at 02:20 PM

TG

“ *Tiffany Goudy lit a candle in memory of Davis Edward Washines*



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**Tiffany Goudy** - May 06 at 12:22 PM

DM

“ *I enjoyed playing rez ball with Davis in our younger days and listening to the stories about recruiting UW students to occupy Ft. Lawton. He spent a life playing hard and providing leadership nation wide to Yakama and tribal communities.*



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**Don Motanic** - May 05 at 11:02 PM

DJ

“ *Our condolences & prayers to the family & relatives left behind. May he have a blessed journey.* ”



Debra M. Johnson - May 05 at 06:53 PM

BM

“ *Bobi Manuel lit a candle in memory of Davis Edward Washines* ”



Bobi Manuel - May 05 at 02:31 PM

AF

“ *Abel French lit a candle in memory of Davis Edward Washines* ”



Abel French - May 05 at 02:18 PM

SW

“ *Shasta Olney Watlamet lit a candle in memory of Davis Edward Washines* ”



Shasta Olney Watlamet - May 05 at 11:42 AM

SD

“ Prayers to Washines family, relatives and friend.

Shelly Davis - May 05 at 11:09 AM

SS

“ A friend, a relative, a leader, I'll especially miss Davis at Ellensburg Rodeo Indian Encampment, Rest in Peace Yellowash 🙏🕊️

Stella Speedis - May 04 at 06:27 PM

MJ

“ My thoughts and prayers to the family left behind. God be with each of you during this time. RIP uncle.



Maggie S. James - May 04 at 02:10 PM