



## Delbert Loren Wheeler , Sr.

April 29, 1959 - June 30, 2016

Delbert Wheeler Sr. was surrounded by his loving wife Trina Wheeler and beautiful children as he went with the creator with open arms. His time on earth was finished but he leaves behind a legacy for his family to continue. He was the hardest working man, he woke up at the break of dawn and worked everyday of his life. His many teachings and work ethic will forever live in our hearts. Delbert Wheeler Sr began as a young man establishing successful businesses. He started out selling firewood, which led to his first log truck which in turn resulted in Wheeler Logging. Thereafter he created and built King Mountain Tobacco Company; a successful national company of tobacco distribution. This paved new paths for Indian Country. Delbert ventured into the gas market, creating Wheeler Fuel Distribution. He also owned and operated Wheeler's Kountry Korner, Wheeler's Smoke-N-Gas, Wheeler's Pawn Stars, and Wheeler's Rock Products. Delbert also developed Wheeler Farms and Wheeler Cattle. He employed at least 500 people throughout Wheeler Enterprises. He was a warrior fighting for the Yakama Nation Treaty Rights. And was very compassionate as he helped thousands of people. Delbert Wheeler Sr was well known throughout the US as a Native American advocate for sovereignty and treaty rights. He fought many court cases setting precedence on behalf of Indian Country benefitting generations to come. He also supported and loved the community by providing funding for rodeos, livestock, Thanksgiving and Christmas giveaways, and continuously giving back to the youth. He loved to hunt, fish, and go camping with his family at

Howard Lake. He also loved traveling to casinos and gambling in his free time with his wife. He is survived by his children Delbert Wheeler Jr, Kamiakin Wheeler, Benjamin Wheeler, Derrick Wheeler, Zack Martin, Raechelle Wheeler, Blaine Wheeler, Terryanna Wheeler, Justin Wheeler, Furman Wheeler III, Duaneah Wheeler, Jayla Wheeler, and Trinity Wheeler and his grandchildren DJ Wheeler, Lelani Wheeler, Cole Wheeler, Delbert Wheeler III, Cyrus Wheeler, Kaylee Wheeler, Malia Wheeler, Tehya Wheeler, Rhena Mae Wheeler, Ashlea Wheeler, Judson Wheeler, Derrick Wheeler Jr, Owhi Wheeler, Jadawn Wheeler, KarterMae Wheeler, Aberdee Wheeler, Jacob Wheeler, Emma Wheeler, and Quee Um Tumna Wheeler. He is also survived by his siblings Carl Sutterlict, Duane Wheeler, Gene Sutterlict, Ernie Sutterlict, Levi Sutterlict, Connie and Bonnie Sutterlict, Patty Sutterlict, Diane Sutterlict, Kelly Sutterlict, and Frank Norwest. He was proceeded in death by his parents Furman and Alvina Wheeler, brothers Furman Wheeler Jr., Benny and Steven Sutterlict, and sisters Darlene Wheeler and Carol Sutterlict. And Maisie and Benedict Sr. Sutterlict.

On July 2, 2016 there will be a public viewing at 6am at the Wheeler Residence, 1200 N. White Swan Rd. with the burial following at 7am

# Cemetery Details

## **Wheeler Cemetery**

White Swan, WA

# Tribute Wall



“ *Delbert Loren Wheeler , Sr.*

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October 05, 2023 at 11:22 AM



“ *Condolences to his family and I don't know you all but heard the tax issues and treaty right but I saw his enterprises and heard of his family sharing during the holiday to the housing units and that says so much so condolences for your loss*

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**claudette eckiwardy** - July 11, 2016 at 06:31 PM

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“ I know Delbert the best as he worked with me learning to fall trees in the Old Maids Canyon in the 70's. He had a tough time during his high School years and even dropped out of School but Furman Wheeler who I graduated with in 1955 had an important part to play in his life, he told me several time.. I remember talking to Delbert and Jerry Spencer who I know very well about going into business themselves, for they had many privileges no one else had, in not having to pay taxes. I left for the minister in 1982 and sure enough both of them went into logging separately and both were very successful. Jerry passed away when I was in Onalaska, WA and Delbert grew in financial ability to begin even more enterprises to where he is today.

I pray for you Tina and all your sons and daughters, that what Delbert began will continue to bless our area with Delbert's spirit of giving. You have all been passed on with a tremendous joy of finances and may you all work together, so what was gained I trust will continue to be a blessing and all is not lost.

As a minister one of the areas that happens so often; is people want what they think should be coming to them and I trust Delbert left you with a will that benefits you all and what has been gained with further see more gain.

I know that God is able to continue to bless you all; as you accept the fact God created you and wants you to accept Him and abide in Him, so you will all be full of grace and mercy toward one another as a family.

We here in White Swan School District are seeing a breakdown in families and I pray your family will be united, so nothing destroys what Delbert left you all with.

Thank you again for the memories Delbert and I pray that all is well with your family.

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**Jerral Campfield** - July 02, 2016 at 07:41 PM

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“ Gotta send out condolences and prayers for comfort for friends and family left behind. Must take this time to offer some fine memories of this man. Delbert was very supportive when there were losses in our family. I must say that all our interactions were of a positive and good nature. Lastly, how many fond Christmas memories did he and his family make for our Valley Children? Pass in a good way, Delbert.

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**Ted Donato** - July 02, 2016 at 02:23 PM

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“ Huge loss to our communities, may the peace of christ be with you always

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**Monte Heggie** - July 01, 2016 at 09:34 AM