



Delsie "Elsie" R. (Yay'stani) Selam

June 13, 1923 - October 26, 2013

SATUS – “Yay’sta’nii” Delsie (Elsie) Rita Albert Selam, 90, passed away peacefully Saturday, October 26, 2013, at Toppenish Hospital .

Elsie was born at Kaizer Butte, Washington on June 13, 1923 to Isaac Albert & Suzie Winamack. She grew up along the Columbia River attended school at Alderdale and Patterson Washington. Moving along the river, she resided at Celilo falls era.

She lived and worked various fruit & vegetables harvests in Gresham and the greater Portland area and the ship yards during the war eras. She moved back to the Satus area in 1959 where she made her permanent home raising 10 children, she was a member of the Rock Creek & Satus Longhouses and supported the Toppenish Longhouse.

She experienced much enjoyment tanning both elk & deer hides, made corn husk and hemp bags and other weavings such as tulle mats, and loved to do bead work. She was avid traditional food gatherer following all the root seasons, picked huckleberries, choke cherries for many longhouses, she enjoyed camping, traveling and she is member of the Northwest Basketry Association. Her greatest accomplishments were assisting in traditional supporting the Yakama Nation Museum, and decorated the University of Washington Burke Museum Seattle Washington. She was instrumental in the

“Nch ‘I-Wana The Big River” by Dr. Eugene Hunn who focused on the Mid-Columbia Indians and Their Lands of Sahaptain people.

Elsie’s greatest wisdom and knowledge of the Yakama Plateau languages will be greatly missed by her family and friends. Her family would like to extend a heartfelt thank you for caring services at the Toppenish Hospital, and a special thank you to all the caregivers Dr. Daniels and Dr. Quaempts.

She is preceded in death by her beloved husband Howard Salam, her parents Isaac Albert & Suzie Winamack, sons Harvey, Terry, baby boy & daughter Selam. Sisters Lucille Albert Neaman, Christine Albert and Sara Albert Queampts.

Survivors include Gibson (Kip) Albert Wapato, Mavis Spencer of Goldendale, and brother-in-law Wallis Selam of Wapato, Doris (Whiz) Burkybile Toppenish, Ramona & Ester Crow of Warm Springs Oregon, her children - Bernita (Selam) Bennett Toppenish, Lindsey (Debbie) of White Swan, Lonnie (Theresa) of Toppenish, Sylvester (Sal) Selam, Vincent (Vince) Selam of Satus, Mardell (Patrick) Luke of White Swan, Washington. Elsie has 47 grandchildren and 18 great grandchildren.

The family would like to recognize the extended families that were close to their aunt: Larena Megesick, Delford and Brycene Neaman, Judy Mansfield, Odessa Johnson, and Amy Blodgett.

Dressing services were held on Sunday October 27, 2013 at the Toppenish Longhouse at 9AM. Overnight services were Sunday and Monday evenings at the longhouse. Funeral services were Tuesday at 8AM at the Petes Cemetery outside of Mabton. Friends can send condolences at www.toppenishfunerals.com. Colonial Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 27. 9:00 AM (PT)

Toppenish Longhouse
Robbins Road
Toppenish, WA

Tribute Wall



“ Delsie "Elsie" R. (Yay'stani) Selam

October 05, 2023 at 11:22 AM



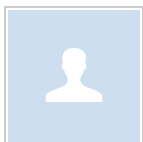
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“ *She will always remain in my heart... I enjoyed the visits I had with her and Uncle Jimmy up at Whitman Mission when Uncle would go for his appointments at the VA hospital. They both shared alot with me , Uncle told me how he and my Father Grant were related. She taught me how to role hemp string and her way of the twisted tule mats. The biggest heart felt memory was when she shared a part of her life with me when the man I made a life with for over 30 years left me, she held my hand and let me cry but the encouraging words have kept me strong. After that memoment whenever I saw her she would have the biggest smile to see me. Go forward with all the good teachings she gave each of you, take care and God Bless###imported-begin##Marjorie Waheneka###imported-end##*

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“ *Please accept our deepest sympathy. May those precious memories be foremost in your hearts and minds during this difficult time.*
(Isaiah 25:8)###imported-begin##Jackson Family###imported-end##

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