



Derek Frank Wahsise

December 20, 2016 - August 5, 2021

Amara Mei “Sugar” Johnson (5) and Derek Frank “D-Rex” Wahsise (4) were both called home tragically on August 5, 2021. Amara was born September 17, 2015 and Derek born December 20, 2016 in Yakima to Tiffany Johnson; they all reside in Toppenish, WA. Both Amara and Derek were descendants of the Yakama Nation. They attended the Yakama Nation Tribal Headstart for school. Amara and Derek were two peas in a pod, where one was the other was next to them. They loved helping their mom Tiffany and dad John “Suckafish” Ruiz gather traditional foods, whether it was going huckleberry picking, root digging, hunting or fishing. They absolutely loved being able to spend quality time at grandma’s house. Grandma always keeps the house stocked up with the best snacks.

Amara & Derek are survived by their parents, Tiffany Johnson and John Ruiz of Toppenish, Derek’s biological dad Brandon Wahsise of Toppenish, their grandparents Loretta McConville & Jose Campos of Yakima. Auntie Moms Candy “Aunty King” Johnson & Gloria McConville Campos of Yakima, their nanas Nita McConville, Serenity Ruiz, Litsa Genesis Johnson and Lipa Zayden White all of Yakima.

Amara & Derek are preceded in death by their grandpa Tom Johnson, Great grandma Renee Umtuch Murray.

A private dressing service will be held on Wednesday, August 11, 2021 at 11AM for immediate family. Viewing service will follow at 1PM at the Toppenish Longhouse. Overnight services will begin at 7PM at the Toppenish Longhouse. We will leave to Umtuch-Logie Cemetery at 8AM, Thursday, August 12, 2021,

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 11. 1:00 PM (PT)

Toppenish Longhouse
Robbins Road
Toppenish, WA

Overnight Service

AUG 11. 7:00 PM (PT)

Toppenish Longhouse
Robbins Road
Toppenish, WA

Burial

AUG 12. 8:00 AM (PT)

Umtuch-Logie Cemetery
Toppenish, WA

Tribute Wall



“ *Derek Frank Wahsise*

October 05, 2023 at 11:22 AM