



Dianna L Sampson

August 21, 1950 - June 28, 2020

Dianna L. Sampson (Nanamkin), beloved wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother, aunt, sister, friend, and community activist born to Joseph Nanamkin and Danita Nanamkin (McJoe), passed away on June 28, 2020, she was 69 years old. Dianna was an enrolled member of the Colville Confederated Tribes.

Dianna was the Executive Director of the Toppenish Community Safety Network and an active member of the Toppenish Food Bank. She was a Parent Volunteer for the Toppenish School District; Coordinated “Lets Draw the Line” Campaign and Community Town Hall meeting to reduce underage drinking; former Toppenish Indian Title VII Indian Education Chairperson; former Toppenish School District Migrant Parent Advisory Committee Officer; former Educational Service District 105 Parent Liaison; and former Yakima Children’s Village Board. She took great pride and joy with her volunteer work for the Toppenish community.

She leaves behind daughter, Monica; son, Robert; and special grandson Brandon; brother, Greg Nanamkin and sister, Cindy Ray, 16 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband of 50 years, Simon Sampson.

We will have a short service at Heggies Colonial Funeral Home at 9 a.m., Wednesday, July 01, 2020; then be taking her to her final resting place, next to her beloved husband at the 1910 Shaker Church Cemetery. Out of respect for family, we ask that no one else besides the Pall Bearers get out of their car

at the cemetery. A special gathering will take place for her when it is safe.

Pallbearers: Brandon Sampson, Louis Nanamkin, Joseph Nanamkin, Martin Nanamkin, Francisco Nanamkin, Darion Joseph, Gary Pierce Jr. and George Tsoodle II.

Honorary Pallbearers: Robert Sampson, Breland Joseph, Bobby Wahchumwah, and Atwice Kamiakun.

Special friends: Antonia & Eligio Jimenez, Cecil & John Cerna, Janie Ibarra, and Pam Wickersham.

Officiator Harold Joseph III and Opening the Floor Ceremonies Wilfred Sabe Redthunder.

We would like to thank the nurses and doctors of Toppenish Astria Hospital for the excellent and loving care they provided to her; the friends and family who visited her window, provided food and emotional support to the family during this difficult time.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests donations in memorial to either The Toppenish Community Safety Network – P.O. Box 1208, Toppenish, WA 98948 or The Toppenish Food Bank – 4 North B St, Toppenish WA 98948.

Tribute Wall



“ *Dianna L Sampson*

October 05, 2023 at 11:22 AM



“ *I am so sad to hear about Diane!! We were such close friends growing up !! I never did know where she went? I had gone to school in Seattle then lived out of Toledo for some years. After moving back there for a few years I ended up in Chehalis area. Just wish I could have connected with her!! She was a very good friend , had been friends since in school. I'm so very sorry for her families loss!! Please know we care!! Your in our thoughts and prayers!!* 💔

Becky McAleny Edwards - July 11, 2020 at 11:50 AM



“ *Dianna was a 1968 graduate of Toledo High School. We are a small school and everyone was involved in making our school like a family. We mourn the loss of Dianna and send our condolences to her family. Love and prayers.*

Jo Ann Kosar - July 11, 2020 at 04:05 AM



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Abel French - July 07, 2020 at 03:25 PM

MO

“ *Maria Osorio lit a candle in memory of Dianna L Sampson*



Maria Osorio - July 01, 2020 at 08:31 PM

DA

“ *I had the pleasure and privilege of working with Diane. She was a very caring soul who worked hard to improve her community. She will be greatly missed!*



David Andrews - July 01, 2020 at 08:26 PM

JC

“ *Jennie Celestine lit a candle in memory of Dianna L Sampson*



Jennie celestine - July 01, 2020 at 12:29 PM

MJ

“ *Maggie James lit a candle in memory of Dianna L Sampson*



Maggie James - July 01, 2020 at 11:30 AM



“ *Condolences to family n friends
AhTawWeeShaMish*



MaryAnne Queahpama - July 01, 2020 at 12:44 AM

SW

“ *Shasta Olney Watlamet lit a candle in
memory of Dianna L Sampson*



Shasta Olney Watlamet - June 30, 2020 at 11:54 PM

CL

“ *Im gonna miss my auntie and uncle..they are
still together.
They were our elders, always there for us..in
our times of need. Love and prayers to ALL
THEIR KIDS AND FAMILY LEFT BEHIND.*



Caroline Looney - June 30, 2020 at 05:05 PM

SR

“ *Diane will be missed but she is still with
Simon, Condolences to the family and
grandchildren that they raised. Remember all
the games in basketball played with this
family. Will be greatly missed.*



Selena Randall - June 30, 2020 at 02:07 PM

SW

“ *Shasta Olney Watlamet lit a candle in memory of Dianna L Sampson*



Shasta Olney Watlamet - June 30, 2020 at 08:35 AM

MO

Great friend, community activist, definitely she'll be missed

Maria Osorio - July 01, 2020 at 02:49 PM