



## Eugene Allen "Yaktkinah" Andy Sr.

March 24, 1949 - July 16, 2025

Eugene "Gene" Andy Sr. passed away July 16th, 2025. Gene was born in Brownstown, Washington on March 24th, 1949 to Jasper and Evelyn Andy. He was a proud member of the Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation. Gene was on the Board of Directors for the Independent Shaker Church in White Swan. He graduated from White Swan High School, and then went on to further his education at Tacoma's Bates Technical Institute to become a Highway Engineering Technician. After graduating from there in 1970 he went on to work for the Yakama Nation BIA. Later in life he was in a tragic car accident, while recovering Gene picked up a pencil and found something that would help him cope for the rest of his life – Fine Art. Paralyzed throughout his lower body Gene decided to go back to school and attended Yakima Valley Community College. Gene has been carrying out his Art professionally since 1983, and has won numerous ribbons and awards since. The basic theme of his art is of his own heritage – The Yakama Nation or Northwest Plateau Native Americans. He mainly created paintings that depict hunting, fishing, and gathering scenes along with still life art of huckleberry baskets, a variety of bags, and countless portraits. Gene loved the Seahawks, Bee Gees, Elvis Presley, and anything related to cars. Gene is survived by his loving family – Siblings: Joyce (Lincoln) Kahclamat, Betty Pierre, Victor Sr. (Lillie) Andy, Julie Jim, Gloria, and many nieces and nephews. Daughter: Bernadine Mardel, children: Latonia, Garrick (Tanara), Jacob, Jocelyn, great grandchild: Leia, Granddaughter: Josephine, Son

Eugene (Sonny) Andy Jr., grandchildren: Kamille, Damian, Gage, Cedric, LaJean, Elan, Eldon, Savannah, Seth, great grandchildren: Kaela, Laela, Shaniah, Takoda, Jason, Evelyn, Rubix. Gene is preceded by parents Jasper and Evelyn Andy, Siblings: Jesse, Ernie, Earl, Johnny, Edgar, and baby sister, and Daughter Mary. Dressing service will begin at 10:00 am on Friday, July 18th at Haggie's Colonial Funeral Home in Toppenish, he will then be transported to the Independent Shaker Church in White Swan for overnight services. Saturday: Services at 8:00 am, burial to follow at Toppenish Creek Cemetery, then back to the church to shake hands, ceremony, lunch, then giveaway.

# Cemetery Details

## Toppenish Creek Cemetery

White Swan, WA

# Previous Events

## Dressing Services

JUL 18. 10:00 AM (PT)

Colonial Funeral Home  
228 S Alder St  
Toppenish, WA 98948-1622  
(509) 865-3222

## Overnight Service

JUL 18 (PT)

Independent Shaker Church  
Signal Peak Road  
White Swan,, WA

## Funeral Service

JUL 19. 8:00 AM (PT)

Independent Shaker Church  
Signal Peak Road  
White Swan,, WA



# Tribute Wall

CF

“ *The comfort I have is knowing Gene has a renewed eternal life filled with nothing but blessed joy & happiness no longer trapped in his shell of a body. He is free to dance & sing with his loved ones who awaited to greet him in heavens gates. He placed his faith forward first in all he did using his God given talent to get him through his life & struggles. I love my cousin and admired him for raising all his children & finding salvation through the lord Jesus, May God comfort us all during our time of loss but his gain of an angel in the sky above. Rest easy cuz you deserve your peace, happiness, & heavenly joy above. Love you always*

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**Cynthia Harris & Family** - July 21, 2025 at 05:55 PM

RJ

“ *Gene was a man who was so strong in his faith.  
Gene spoke to the children, in his kind voice and they listened and remembered the lesson he shared.  
Gene's talent in his art will never be forgotten.  
Many were saddened to hear Gene's life here had come to an end. I told them his new life has began, his reward. What he had be working towards. Today Gene is walking! He no longer has any illnesses. He joins his parents, siblings, and loved ones, their Waiting to greet him. He moves to his eternal life with his gentle smile, singing his song. His happy!  
He was a lifetime friend to many.  
Condolences to family and friends left behind.  
Rest in Eternal Peace to our Big Brother.  
IJN  
Amen*



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**Regina Jerry** - July 20, 2025 at 12:01 PM

MG

“ Thoughts and prayers to the family.



Mikal J Gadley - July 18, 2025 at 08:51 PM

BE

“ Beatrice lit a candle in memory of Eugene Allen "Yaktkinah" Andy Sr.



beatrice - July 18, 2025 at 03:43 PM



“ Creator has gained angle who served him well.. 🙏... 🕯️ ....



Wahsise Smaetlowit - July 17, 2025 at 04:25 PM

DR

“ He was such a loving kindhearted person who will be missed by his family and the hearts of everyone he's touched. God has received an awesome individual!!! May he have a blessed journey to the family that is greeting him.



Debra & Richard - July 17, 2025 at 01:44 PM

PM

“ Patti Smith & Will Moran lit a candle in memory of Eugene Allen "Yaktkinah" Andy Sr.



Patti Smith & Will Moran - July 17, 2025 at 01:00 PM

LB

“ Prayers for his family an siblings 🙏 He was an amazing gpa to my daughter LaJean R.Andy as a baby,May he rest in peace ❤️🙏❤️

Linda Bill - July 17, 2025 at 10:15 AM

RS

“ Condolences to his family. One of the nicest people.

Rose Sampson - July 16, 2025 at 11:48 PM

LJ

“ Glory to God he got himself a nice person



Leanda jim - July 16, 2025 at 10:55 PM

CD

“ Prayers to family .. Will miss you Gene Sr. 🙏  
🙏🥰 Reast easy now.. 🕯️🕯️🕯️❤️❤️



Christine Delgado - July 16, 2025 at 09:10 PM

SW

“ Shasta Olney Watlamet lit a candle in memory of Eugene Allen "Yaktkinah" Andy Sr.



Shasta Olney Watlamet - July 16, 2025 at 08:38 PM

GF

“ Gary & Alyne DeCoteau and family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Eugene Allen "Yaktkinah" Andy Sr..



Gary & Alyne DeCoteau and family - July 16, 2025 at 08:33 PM

NI

“ Nelson And Jennie iukes lit a candle in memory of Eugene Allen "Yaktkinah" Andy Sr.



Nelson and Jennie iukes - July 16, 2025 at 07:56 PM

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Prayers for You and Bless your family

Nelson and Jennie iukes - July 16, 2025 at 07:57 PM

SS

“ So very sorry for Gene's family's loss, my heartfelt condolences 🕊️

Stella Speedis - July 16, 2025 at 06:45 PM

SC

“ *Prayers and condolences to the family.*”



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**Sandra Celestine** - July 16, 2025 at 05:45 PM