



Jerry Thomas Byrd

September 5, 1929 - June 4, 2020

Reverend Jerry Thomas Byrd, a member of the Muskogee (Creek) Nation in Okmulgee, Oklahoma, went to be with the Lord on June 6, 2020 in Toppenish, WA.

Jerry was born September 5, 1929 to Susie Harjo-Byrd and Billie James Byrd in Okemah, Oklahoma. He was raised and educated in Oklahoma. While growing up, Jerry enjoyed attending dances and numerous sporting events. He was an avid boxer and was very athletic and health conscious.

He attended and graduated from Haskell College (now known as Haskell Indian Nations University in Lawrence, Ks), where he met Mayme Charley/Kahclamat. They had three children, Allen Thomas Byrd, Sr, Sara Jane Byrd Rodriguez and Debra M. Byrd.

Jerry served in the U.S. Army and stationed in Germany. After being honorably discharged, he went on to be long-haul truck driver that took him all over the United States. This eventually led him to managing a trucking terminal for many years, until he got a calling from the Lord. The Lord called Jerry to build churches in Oklahoma and Texas. He was very well respected in the Indian Methodist Communities, it was during this time he met his wife Lillian. They continued to live their life following the Lord. After Lillian passed away, Jerry relocated to Toppenish, WA to be with his children.

Jerry was preceded in death by his parents, Susie Harjo Byrd and Billie Byrd, wife Lillian Byrd and son Allen Byrd, Sr. He is survived by daughters Sara Byrd and Debra Byrd and a son De'Armon Byrd, nine grandchildren and

numerous great grandchildren.

The family would like to send their appreciation to Connie and Bonnie Sutterlict for their friendship and hospitality to Jerry when he first arrived in the area.

Funeral arrangements are: Tuesday June 9, 2020 10:00am at Colonial Funeral Home 228 S. Alder St., Toppenish, WA. Burial will follow at Toppenish Creek Cemetery in White Swan, WA.

Previous Events

Service

JUN 9. 10:00 AM (PT)

Heggie's Colonial Funeral Home
228 S. Alder Street
Toppenish, WA 98948
(509) 865-3222
info@heggiescolonialfuneralhome.com

Burial

JUN 9 (PT)

Toppenish Creek Cemetery
White Swan, WA

Tribute Wall



“ *Jerry Thomas Byrd*

October 05, 2023 at 11:22 AM



“ *I was glad to meet Mr. Byrd when he came here. I let him know I knew his children, Sara, Allen and Debbie since we were all kids. He was a nice man, a veteran and it was an honor meeting him.*



Debra Whitefoot - July 13, 2020 at 02:20 PM



“ *Shasta Olney Watlamet lit a candle in memory of Jerry Thomas Byrd*



Shasta Olney Watlamet - June 18, 2020 at 11:51 AM



“ *I became acquainted with Jerry's Mother, Susie Byrd, while attending Chilocco Indian School in the 60's. Susie worked in Admin. and I remember her ad very gracious & lovely person. Sincere condolences to Niece, Janie & Nephew, Jimmy♡♡ and the rest of the Family.*

Paul & Marlene Lopez - June 08, 2020 at 11:55 PM

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“ *Condolences to the family.*”



Tami Gardee - June 08, 2020 at 01:45 PM