



## Josephine Marie George

October 14, 1929 - January 28, 2017

Josephine M. George (87) of Toppenish passed away on Saturday January 28, 2017 at her home. Josephine was born on October 14, 1929 to Elow and Tilix (Squeoch) Wahchumwah in Toppenish. She was raised on the Satus in the Tapashnaqit area. She went to school in Granger and lived the traditional life and held on to her ancestors traditional teachings. Josephine was a world champion traditional dancer who was known throughout the U.S. and Canada. She was a member of the Yakama Nation.

Josephine is survived by three daughters, Janice (Fred) George-Hill of Pendleton, Marlene Thompson of Goldendale and Linda Meanus of Portland; three sons, Steven George of Toppenish, Craig Charley of Warm Springs, and Mike Hopinka of California; numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great grandchildren and nieces and nephews along with acquaintances throughout North America. She was preceded in death by her husband, parents, two sisters, a brother and four sons.

Dressing services will be at 9AM Monday January 30, 2017 at Colonial Funeral Home with overnight services following at the Satus Longhouse. A procession will leave the longhouse at 5AM Tuesday for burial at the Pine Creek Cemetery outside of Roosevelt. Friends can send condolences at [www.toppenishfunerals.com](http://www.toppenishfunerals.com). Colonial Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Josephine Marie George*

October 05, 2023 at 11:22 AM



“ *Debra Whitefoot lit a candle in memory of Josephine Marie George*



**Debra Whitefoot** - January 31, 2017 at 01:59 PM



*I will always and forever be thankful for the kindness she always showed me when she would see me. I remember when her husband was alive and my mother used to go to Bingen to see them. They would all visit and laugh, talk about the Celilo days. They would load up my mom's trunk with salmon. When I would see her she would always ask me are you going fishing or digging this year? My prayers are with you Janice, Fred, Stephen and Marlene. I know she is dancing in heaven now. Atowishamash.*

**Debra Whitefoot** - January 31, 2017 at 02:03 PM



“ *Sylvia Peters lit a candle in memory of Josephine Marie George*



**Sylvia Peters** - January 31, 2017 at 01:18 PM

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“ *Julie Umtuch lit a candle in memory of Josephine Marie George*



Julie Umtuch - January 31, 2017 at 08:07 AM

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“ *My Parents Alivin and Mary Goudy-Settler fished side by side at Bingen and Hood River on the Columbia River with the George families: Levi, Josephine, Mable and Victor. The George families became our additional Parents. My Mother and Josephine and Mable all openly giggled when they told their Chemewa School Day's stories and secrets. We can all remember how their eyes sparkled and their hearts smiled when my Parents and the George Families gathered together. We got to share in all the laughter and sorrows with all the fishing families along the stretch of the Columbia River.*



Marcella Settler-Kantjas - January 30, 2017 at 12:16 PM

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*Prayers and hugs to Janice and Fred at this hard time, so sorry to hear of your loss. Prayers also to the other family members. Lord hear our prayers to touch their heavy hearts and for safe travel. Sincerely - Teresa Crane & Bobby Benton*

teresa crane - January 30, 2017 at 11:05 PM



*She will be missed on the dance floor, she was such a lovely woman and a beautiful dancer. Someone so special can never be forgotten. Respectfully Laura and Willard Maldonado*

Laura Colfax-Maldonado - January 31, 2017 at 01:12 PM



*My heart goes out to the family who are left behind. She was a great lady to know who I called mom when I seen her anywhere. She always made me smile when we talked. I'm gonna miss her a lot her light may be dimmed but she shines very brightly now. Will miss her an love her always. Prayers are with the George family.*

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**Janine Wesley** - January 31, 2017 at 01:16 PM