

## Lee Totus

December 22, 1934 - November 24, 2019

Our beloved Elder Lee “Te-xun-ashut” Totus, born 12/22/34, to Sophie Crow & Charley Totus, in Pendleton, OR, journeyed to join our Creator and those who went before him, at home on Sunday 11/24/19. He was an enrolled Umatilla member, half Umatilla and half Yakama.

He attended school at Pendleton where he participated in sports such as baseball and skiing. He moved to his Yakama roots as a young adult and lived many years with his uncle Watson Totus. He worked at Harvey Aluminum plant at John Day; and as a federal employee of Wapato Irrigation Project, where he retired. He was a commercial fisherman, an avid sports fan, loved PBR, and made traditional dance feather outfits where he taught family to participate in native powwows. He and his wife and family traveled across the nation and Canada for powwows where they made many friends. He was a member of the White Swan Independent Shaker Church and was raised in the Washaat religion. He loved watching his grandkids play sports and dance at powwows.

He united with his wife lola in 1968 and last resided in White Swan.

Lee was preceded in death by his parents Sophie and Charley; his sisters Minnie, Hazel, and Dorothy, and his brother Raymond; his daughter and son from Canada; his sons Charley, Elton, and Clifton; an infant daughter.

Lee is survived by his loving companion caregiver wife, lola; his son Randall (Rena) of Nespelem; eldest daughter from Canada; daughters Sarah and Leila of Toppenish; and who he shared his life with, his daughter Sharon (Pat);

Selina (Steve); Aiyanna (William); sons Edward (Kathy); Anthony (Colleen); Robert; and he helped raise a granddaughter, Abigail (Louden) and grandson Randy (Ariane). He was a blessed grandfather to many grandchildren whom he cherished. Lee had a large extended family including in-laws who loved him as their own.

Funeral dressing service is at 2:00 at Toppenish Colonial funeral home, taken to White Swan Independent Shaker Church for overnight Washaat, Shaker and open denomination services; and burial service on Wednesday 11/27 8:00 am and burial at Toppenish Creek Cemetery in White Swan.

# Previous Events

## Dressing Services

NOV 26. 2:00 PM (PT)

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

## Overnight Service

NOV 26 (PT)

White Swan Community Center

## Burial

NOV 27. 8:00 AM (PT)

Toppenish Creek Cemetery  
White Swan, WA

# Tribute Wall



“ *Lee Totus*

October 05, 2023 at 11:22 AM



“ *Awe papa I miss you soo very much not a day goes by that I don't miss you 😭 I hope you and Sharon are reuniting up there papa. She missed you soo very much too. I love you both soo very much and miss you both dearly not a day is going to go by that I don't think about you*

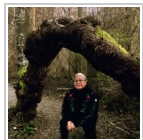


**Tashina Johnson** - April 18, 2022 at 05:12 AM



“ *I miss you papa...*

**sophia Totus** - January 07, 2020 at 02:33 PM



“ *My condolences & prayers to lola & rest of family in your time of mourning...💖🙏🏠*



**Trina Sherwood** - November 27, 2019 at 12:21 PM

MJ

“ *Maggie James lit a candle in memory of Lee Totus*



Maggie James - November 26, 2019 at 07:56 PM



“ *Mary Cree lit a candle in memory of Lee Totus*



Mary Cree - November 26, 2019 at 06:39 PM

DJ

“ *I remember Mr. Totus as a kind thoughtful man to me and my daughter. He always greeted us with a smile and hug. My daughter and I missed visiting him whenever we seen him. May be have a Blessed Journey.*



Debra Johnson - November 26, 2019 at 02:05 PM

CF

“ *CYNTHIA HARRIS & FAMILY sent a virtual gift in memory of Lee Totus*



CYNTHIA HARRIS & FAMILY - November 26, 2019 at 11:10 AM

CH

*Sincere Condolences & Prayers for comfort during your loss. God Bless you & take care from my family,  
Cynthia Swimptkin-Harris & Family*

**CYNTHIA HARRIS** - November 26, 2019 at 11:09 AM

SW

“ *Shasta Olney Watlamet lit a candle in memory of Lee Totus*



**Shasta Olney Watlamet** - November 26, 2019 at 10:18 AM

CF

“ *Sincerest condolences to the entire TOTUS family!*



**Celestine Family** - November 25, 2019 at 09:53 PM

EU

*Sincere Condolences to the family.*

**Eugenia** - November 26, 2019 at 12:24 PM