



Leo Aleck

June 14, 1928 - July 31, 2008

Leo E. Aleck (80) of Toppenish died at his home on Thursday July 31, 2008. He was born in Harrah, WA on June 14, 1928 to Joe and Edna (Welch) Aleck. Leo was an enrolled Yakama and served his country in the U.S. Army. He worked as a lumber grader for Biles Coleman in Omak for many years returning to the Yakima Valley in the early 80's. Leo served as a tribal and general councilman off and on for over 20 years. He was also the last medicine man for the Yakama's and was a member of the Medicine Dance Society. He also was a counselor @ Camp Chapparral , did beadwork and considered himself a "wood cutter" Leo had a true calling for politics and enjoyed serving his fellow tribal members. He is survived by his wife, Shawashnye "Lefty" Aleck of Toppenish; two sisters, Pearl Charley of Malott and Joanne Tahmalwash of Wapato; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by one son, Leo Aleck Jr. Dressing services will be held on Friday August 1, 2008 at 10AM at Colonial Funeral Home. Overnight services will be held at the Toppenish Longhouse. A procession will leave the longhouse at 6:30AM on Saturday August 2, 2008 for Toppenish Creek Cemetery in White Swan. Friends may send condolences at www.toppenishfunerals.com. Colonial Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 1. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (PT)

Colonial Funeral Home
228 S. Alder
Toppenish, WA

Visitation

AUG 1. 4:00 PM (PT)

Toppenish Longhouse
Robbins Road
Toppenish, WA

Tribute Wall



“ *Leo Aleck*

October 05, 2023 at 11:22 AM



“ *Dear Family of Leo Aleck, I am sorry about your loss. I and my sister's enjoyed travelling to Medicine dances enjoyed hearing his songs at Billyville all these years. May God Bless you and your whole family. I will keep you in my prayers.
Atauwishamash##imported-begin##Rosie Johnson##imported-end##*

August 04, 2008 at 05:20 PM



“ *Dear Lefty & Family,
We are so sorry to hear of your loss. No words can describe what we all felt.
We do know our Elder lived by example. His work was seen everywhere. He fought for the people till the very end.
MAY THE GREAT CREATOR GIVE YOU GUIDANCE IN THE DAYS TO COME.
OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH EACH OF YOU.
Blessings To You,
Mary Vasquez & Tony Atkins Family
(Coulee Dam, WA)##imported-begin##Mary A. Vasquez##imported-end##*

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“ Leo was a true warrior for our Yakama people, our treaty rights of 1855, and he spoke and led with his heart...very few left today that do that. Rest now our dear brother. Blessing and prayers to the family members and friends left behind. God Bless Each of You.##imported-begin##Regina 'Thlxlumet' Jerry##imported-end##

August 01, 2008 at 11:33 AM