



## Marcella S. Miller

April 12, 1935 - February 21, 2023

Marcella "Tumlko-pum" was called home by the creator on February 21, 2023. She was born on April 12, 1935 to Jim (Shmaya) & Mary (Wehinpum) Wahwyser Shock at their home on Tecumseh Road. She grew up in the Waashat Religion at the Toppenish Creek Longhouse with her parents where her dad was a drummer during services. She grew up during the horse & buggy days. She always talked about her family going around to visit various families, relatives & friends. Her dad was a hunter who always provided food to those in need. She was a well-respected elder of the Yakama Nation and the Independent Shaker Church where she was a member since she was 16 years old. As an elder of the shaker church, she traveled with family & friends to many church conventions. Their travels included Duncan, Sanish, Queets, Mudbay, Hoopa, Smithriver, Skokomish, Concrete, Muckleshoot, Warm Springs, Maalot and wherever they were needed. She enjoyed traveling to various places to see their close friends. She shared her knowledge & learnings with any new members that joined the church. She also counseled many tribal school students who confided in her about their lives. The teachings from her parents, Wehinpum & Shmaya, was carried on to many members. Her hobbies included making shawls, shell dresses, yarn belts, beadwork & gathering traditional foods. She also gathered Indian Medicine for herself and those who needed help with health issues. She enjoyed camping in our mountains (Surprise Lake) with her family for fishing & gathering wivnu. She had a special pet named Ziny whom understood her when she spoke to

him in the Yakama Language. In her younger years, she worked with her parents in the fields. Then became employed at Del Monte Cannery for a few years until she obtained employment with the Yakama Nation Facility Management where she retired in 2003. Tumlko-pum also enjoyed traveling with her family to various pow wows to watch their family members perform. She also enjoyed traveling to visit & make new friends at the traditional stickgames which her parents loved to participate. She is survived by her son, Aaron L. (Waptushe) and daughter, Debra M.(Wehinpum) (Richard). A special granddaughter, Leanita F. (Mups, Tumlko-pum) (Jose), Ivelissa, Elohim, Ajay & Lil Marcella Orozco. Jenny Miller & her children, Martin (Snuffy), Rebecca Jo, Isaac & their children. Numerous grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces, nephews & special relatives & friends. She is now with her parents & siblings whom she missed very much. Mary (Wehinpum) Wahwyser & Jim (Shmaya) Shock from Priest Rapids. William S. Miller, Paul Lee (Shmaya) Miller, Ira Ben Miller & Gloria Miller. Siblings: Lillian (Louis) Spino, Christine (Cecil) Billy, Evelyn (Jasper) Andy, Sam Shock & Wesley Shock. A special lady, Annie (Tahwowash) Allen and a special gentleman friend, David Arquette. A very special thank you to Jenny Miller & the two Home Health staff, Julia & Donna Sohappy Lomakema for the care you provided to our mother/ grandmother. No words can express our appreciation for your kindheartedness and love.

# Previous Events

## Dressing Services

FEB **24**. 10:00 AM (PT)

Toppenish Creek Longhouse  
Pom Pom Road off Signal Peak turn left at Log Church  
White Swan, WA

## Burial

FEB **25**. 7:00 AM (PT)

Toppenish Creek Cemetery  
White Swan, WA

# Tribute Wall



“ *Marcella S. Miller*

October 05, 2023 at 11:22 AM



“ *Thank you for all the teachings, laughter, and traveling together. You will be greatly missed Marcella.  
Prayers to the family.  
Bev. Wahpat and family*



**bev wahpat** - March 06, 2023 at 11:47 PM



“ *I am blessed to have had you in my life this long especially after losing mom (2/23/2008) I will forever cherish our short visit 2/17/23 , your smile, your loving look, I was given the opportunity to tell you I love you, you said the same back to me, I was blessed hearing that from you. I'm honored to have taken you to the Independent shaker church for your last Easter there. I'm great full for our times together. You lived a good life, rest east, while rejoicing with those whom you missed so much. Thank you Honeybun for taking care of her weekly may you be blessed for that. Prayers for brother Aaron, Debra, & all of the grand children , & great grand children , and relatives & friends. Your support & prayers is greatly appreciated and will never be forgotten . Aunty loved everyone*

**Cynthia “Wesapum” Harris & family** - February 26, 2023 at 03:43 PM

AC

“ Arlene Celestine lit a candle in memory of Marcella S. Miller



Arlene Celestine - February 24, 2023 at 08:54 PM

KA

“ Marcella...I will miss you!!! I am grateful for your love and laughter!! The memories will forever be in my heart...I know you and mama are exchanging stories already!!! ❤️❤️❤️❤️ I love you so much!!! Prayers for your family left behind... 🕯️ 🕯️ 🙏 🕯️ 🕯️ ❤️❤️❤️❤️ I sure wish I can be home to stand beside you...prayers in my heart!!!

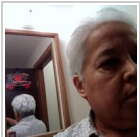


kwalani ayat - February 23, 2023 at 02:44 PM

DW

“ Atawiishamaash Marcella, thank you for your beautiful smile and laughter, you will be missed. Thank you for your kind words. Condolences to the family

Deanna Williams - February 23, 2023 at 11:49 AM



“ Shasta Watlamet lit a candle in memory of Marcella S. Miller



Shasta Watlamet - February 23, 2023 at 08:22 AM

MJ

“ *Maggie James lit a candle in memory of Marcella S. Miller*



Maggie James - February 23, 2023 at 02:46 AM

SS

“ *I am going to miss you Marcella, I love your sense of humor and your quick wit and most of all your beautiful smile. have a great journey.*

Stella Speedis - February 22, 2023 at 08:50 PM



“ *I enjoyed visiting with our elder at gatherings for she had a great sense of humor, a connection from the heart to convey spiritual messages, and a loving memory of her family and friends. My heartfelt condolences to her children, grandchildren, and beloved relatives who shared songs & prayers with her while at church gatherings.*



Kianpum Angeline Phillips-Sappallel - February 22, 2023 at 08:11 PM

BO

“ *RIP AUNTIE MSM, YOU WILL BE MISSED BUT NEVER FORGOTTEN* 🥺💔🥺🙏🕯️🙏



Bernice Owens - February 22, 2023 at 06:17 PM

BE

“ *Beatrice lit a candle in memory of Marcella S. Miller*



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**Beatrice** - February 22, 2023 at 04:54 PM