



Margaret Clista Gwinn

January 6, 1929 - November 4, 2019

Margaret (Stuber) Gwinn, age 90, passed away peacefully at home surrounded by her children on November 4, 2019 in Toppenish, WA, 10 years and 1 day after the passing of our dad. She was an enrolled member of the Yakama Nation.

She was born to the late Everett and Lenora Stuber in Harrah, WA and was delivered by her father on January 6, 1929. She attended schools in Harrah and graduated in 1947 from White Swan High School. After that she attended Haskell Institute and graduated in 1949.

She married David Aleck and had two children (Sandra and Jim). In 1955 she persuaded Charles Gwinn into agreeing to a blind date and married dad in 1956. She worked for the Bureau of Indian Affairs in Administration, Realty and Enrollment offices for 35 years. From 1966 to 1988 she worked at the BIA Enrollment office where she retired from the BIA. Mom then continued to work for the Yakama Nation a few more years until she finally retired in 1991.

After retiring mom and dad traveled to and from Minnesota to visit relatives and enjoyed going to the Pow Wows on the Leech Lake Reservation and had established their own camping spot at the grounds. She enjoyed going to the mountains to hunt, fish, pick huckleberries, rock hunting, mushroom hunting and especially enjoyed camping with family.

Mom always had time for all her kids and grandchildren and always enjoyed spending time with them. She was happiest when her home was filled with all her children, their spouses, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

Mom leaves behind her brother Marvin Stuber of Garibaldi, OR, her children Sandy Ohms and her children Rachel, Al and Jacob, the late Jim Aleck and his children, David, Everett, Jim Aleck Jr., Leon and the late Denise (Bunny) Heemsah, Kenny Gwinn of Moses Lake, WA and his children Brandi, James, Heather, Margie, the late Kenny Jr., Robert, Nick and Lacey; Elizabeth Gwinn and Sally Wilson of Monroe, Louisiana; Melissa and her children Andrew, Aaron and Ki; Shirley of Cle Elum, WA and her children Krystal and Angelina.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Charles Gwinn, her son Jim Nelson Aleck Sr., siblings Danny and Janet along with her parents Everett and Lenora Stuber.

Visitation will be held at Heggie Funeral Home in Toppenish, WA on Friday November 8th from 1 pm to 5 pm. Graveside services will be held at the Wapato Reservation Cemetery on November 12th at 11 am with dinner to follow.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 8. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (PT)

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

Graveside Service

NOV 12. 11:00 AM (PT)

Reservation Community Memorial Park
West Wapato Road 5 miles west of Wapato
Wapato, WA

Tribute Wall



“ Margaret Clista Gwinn

October 05, 2023 at 11:22 AM



“ Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Margaret Clista Gwinn.



November 07, 2019 at 05:11 PM



“ Shasta Olney Watlamet lit a candle in memory of Margaret Clista Gwinn



Shasta Olney Watlamet - November 07, 2019 at 10:37 AM



“ Kiona Dick lit a candle in memory of Margaret Clista Gwinn



Kiona Dick - November 06, 2019 at 04:50 PM

TA

“ Tara lit a candle in memory of Margaret Clista Gwinn



tara - November 06, 2019 at 03:00 PM

TA

Auntie Margaret was by far the best and could always smile when she saw me and everyone. Truly loved and happy to have her in my life and will be remembered for that forever. Love my family very much.

tara - November 06, 2019 at 02:59 PM

DV

“ Debbie(1) Voorhies lit a candle in memory of Margaret Clista Gwinn



Debbie(1) Voorhies - November 06, 2019 at 12:53 PM

DV

Aunt Margaret was an awesome source of family history. She could remember names that always amazed me. She will greatly be missed. My thoughts and prayers are with her family at this time. Love you all!

Debbie(1) Voorhies - November 06, 2019 at 12:58 PM

BO

“ Bernice Owens lit a candle in memory of Margaret Clista Gwinn



Bernice Owens - November 06, 2019 at 12:51 PM

SE

“ *Samantha L Eyle lit a candle in memory of Margaret Clista Gwinn*



Samantha L Eyle - November 06, 2019 at 12:10 PM

SE

Prayers to my Sister in law, my Brother, Niece and Nephews, and her family through this tough time. Love you guys

Samantha L Eyle - November 06, 2019 at 12:09 PM

TD

“ *Tammy, Simon, Dane lit a candle in memory of Margaret Clista Gwinn*



Tammy, Simon, Dane - November 05, 2019 at 05:35 PM

JT

“ *Thought and prayers for the family* ❤️



Jessica Torres - November 05, 2019 at 01:14 PM