



Marilyn E. Tahkeal

April 10, 1959 - April 25, 2013

Marilyn Elaine Tahkeal

Colonial Funeral Home

Toppenish – Marilyn Elaine Tahkeal (54) of Toppenish passed away on Thursday, April 25th in her home with family by her side. She was born in Yakima on April 10th, 1959 to William Tahkeal and Ida (Isaac) Tahkeal of Toppenish and was a member of the Yakama Nation. She attended school in Wapato and graduated Wapato High School in 1978 then continued her education at IT Technical Institute in Seattle, WA. She worked with Yakama Nation as a field archeologist assistant, tribal council secretary, executive secretary and her last place of employment before she retired was at YN Legends Casino as a gift shop sales associate. Marilyn loved traveling to pow wows and running for various traditional pageants. She was crowned Miss Yakama Nation in 1977 as well as Miss Yakama Nation Tournament Queen in 1976-77 along with many other titles and was a dedicated horse rider throughout these years. Her hobbies included root digging, picking huckleberries, bead work, sewing traditional regalia, yarn bags, as well as traveling to different casinos. She loved the presence of being with her nieces, nephews, and grandchildren. Marilyn will be remembered for her smile, laughter, carefree spirit, and was a loving daughter, sister, niece, aunt and grandmother. She is survived by four brothers, William Don Tahkeal of Toppenish; Garry Lee Tahkeal of Wapato; Timothy Green of Oregon; Llewellyn Lucei of White Swan; two sisters, Anna (Jay) Tahkeal – Speedis of Harrah;

Sheryl Antelope of Wapato; one daughter Louetta Elaine (Kevin Heath) Lucei of Wapato; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and grandchildren. Dressing services will be held Friday, April 26th at 3 p.m. at the Toppenish Creek Longhouse with overnight services to follow. Burial will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at the 1910 Shaker Church Cemetery in White Swan.

Previous Events

Service

APR **26**. 3:00 PM (PT)

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

Service

APR **27**. 10:00 AM (PT)

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

Tribute Wall



“ *Marilyn E. Tahkeal*

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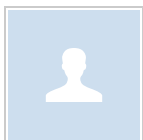
“ *My deepest sympathy to the Family & Friends of Marilyn....prayers to you for strength & comfort as I too will miss her friendship, the memories we shared were full of laughter, love, & treasured times of our young lives...I recently stopped by her home to visit, & the heart warming visit will always be embedded in my heart as we talked about each others life from our teen years, adult years, & what we were looking forward to...thank you for sharing her life with many of us, AhTowWeeShaMush (Love You)...##imported-begin##Angeline Phillips##imported-end##*

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“ *My deepest condolences on the loss of your sister, mother, niece. Marilyn was always a great friend to me in past years, I will always remember her beautiful smile she had for everyone she knew.##imported-begin##Deanna Jim-Juarez##imported-end##*

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“ *Yes, I'll miss her carefree spirit. Whenever we saw each other she always greeted me with a big smile and a hug. Rest in peace my dear sister, til we meet again.##imported-begin##Maggie S. James##imported-end##*

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