



Ovila Joseph LaPlante Jr

March 19, 1945 - April 19, 2014

Ovila Joseph LaPlante of Tucson, Arizona died on April 19, 2014. He was born at Crow Agency, Mt. Joe was an enrolled member of the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe in Eagle Butte, South Dakota. After graduating from high school in Toppenish, Wa., he joined the Marine Corps in 1964. He was a combat Marine and served in Vietnam in 1965 with Bravo Co., 1st Battalion, 9th Marine Division. In 1974 he entered Central Washington University, Ellensburg, Wa. He earned a BA in history, sociology, and education. In 1978 he earned a Masters of Art degree in Education Administration as well as his Principal Credentials at the University of South Dakota in Vermillion, S.D. After graduation he was employed by the Bureau of Indian Affairs for approximately 26 years in Toppenish, Wa., Durango, Co., Hoquiam, Wa., Ft. Washikie, Wy., and San Carlos, Az. He worked with various Indian tribes in the NorthWest and Job corps. Joe retired in 1997 as the Superintendent at the San Carlos Agency, in San Carlos, Az. He was preceded in death by his parents Ovila Joseph LaPlante and Etta Faris, brother Charles LaPlante, and nephew William Kuehne. He is survived by his wife Linda, daughter Candi (Jeff Burns) granddaughter Susan Burns, daughter Michelle (Roberto Mendoza) sister Bonnie (Jack Labbee), and sister Lila (Clint Leuning) and numerous nieces and nephews. Joe had a great sense of humor and never knew a stranger. He loved God, his family, and his brothers in the Marine Corps. Semper Fi Marine, you will be missed by many.

Visitation will be on Monday April 28, 2014 at Colonial Funeral Home from 3-

7PM. Graveside services with military honors will be at 1PM Tuesday April 29, 2014 at Reservation Community Memorial Park west of Wapato. Friends can send condolences at www.toppenishfunerals.com. Colonial Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

The family suggests memorial contributions be made to the Union Gospel Mission in Yakima.

Cemetery Details

City of Wapato

(509) 877-2334

Tribute Wall



“ *Ovila Joseph LaPlante Jr*

October 05, 2023 at 11:22 AM



“ *Joe was friends with my grandfather joe bernal.
He was a great guy those unexpected visits from him were the best.*

Thought of him more than just my grandfathers friend he was moreover like an uncle.

He will always be remembered as the sweet kind man he always was.

Dont remember much about him but my grandpa tells me how good of a man he was.

Nothing but love to the Laplante family.

From the Bernals



Denise Lemus - November 26, 2016 at 11:11 PM



“ *Robert Massong lit a candle in memory of
Ovila Joseph LaPlante Jr*



Robert Massong - June 11, 2014 at 11:35 AM

FC

“ FRANK AND PAT WILL MISS YOU UNTIL WE GET TOGETHER IN HEAVEN. ONE OF THE BEST FRIENDS I EVER SERVED WITH IN THE MARINES. HE WAS THE POINT MAN WHO LED US ALL THE WAY. HE WAS A LEADER IN MORE WAYS THEN ONE. LOVE AND RESPECT ALWAYS. FRANK AND PAT CARLE

FRANK CARLE - April 28, 2014 at 07:35 PM

AO

“ Sorry to hear about my friend Joe's passing. I always enjoyed to be around Joe, he was a good friend. Our condolences to the family. - Acey and Thelma Oberly

Acey Oberly - April 27, 2014 at 01:05 PM

JM

“ John and Helen Mckay purchased the America the Beautiful for the family of Ovila Joseph LaPlante Jr.



John and Helen Mckay - April 27, 2014 at 12:00 PM

LJ

“ Joe,
It broke our hearts to lose you
But you didn't go alone,
For part of us went with you
The day God called you home.

Our love and prayers to Linda and family.
Lois Bourgeois Jones & Dick Jones

Lois Bourgeois Jones - April 26, 2014 at 10:22 AM

FK

“ Fred and I loved Joe very much. What I remember fondly is Joe promoting me to the rank of Major , so I'd rank above my husband,,,,,,,,,Rita Krizan

Fred Krizan - April 24, 2014 at 07:18 PM

FK

“ Every Marine greets another Marine with the words Semper Fi. It is a motto of the Marine Corps and means "always faithful". Joe was all-Marine...always faithful in the truest sense of the word. Joe would do anything to help a fellow Marine. He assisted many, including myself, in obtaining VA benefits. He was the "lightning rod" that organized our Marine reunions. I think he truly enjoyed helping others. He was a good man, a damn good Marine and we love him and will miss him dearly.....SEMPER FI, "point man" Joe Fred Krizan,Capt. USMC (Joe's platoon cmdr. in Viet Nam)

Fred Krizan - April 24, 2014 at 07:13 PM

FK

“ Fred Krizan lit a candle in memory of Ovila Joseph LaPlante Jr



Fred Krizan - April 24, 2014 at 06:54 PM

EW

“ I’m fortunate to have been able to call Joe my friend throughout our High School years, Joe was a cheerful person who infectious laughter and smile will be missed by many. Joe’s service to his country, his dedication to education and his devotion to bettering the life of the Indian people speaks volumes about his character.

A Cherokee expression

“When you were born, you cried and the world rejoiced. Live your life so that when you die, the world cries and you rejoice.”

Obviously Joe left his mark on the life of those around him, and we cry.

God bless Linda and family!

Erick and Carol Wren

Erick Wren - April 24, 2014 at 06:02 PM

DS

“ Well said, Marilyn and Marilyn. I, too, remember Joe from our high school days and always liked him. He was so outgoing and had such a good heart. I am saddened at his passing, but happy to know he touched so many in such a positive way. Blessings to all Joe's family and friends. With Love, Diane Rice Sibbert

Diane Sibbert - April 23, 2014 at 10:49 PM

MS

“ Joe was someone we all remember. His smile and laugh could light up the room and his mischievous humor was so contagious that soon the whole room was laughing with him. You'll be missed but not forgotten. Thanks for the memories. Love and peace to your family.

Marilyn Weeks

marilyn stuart - April 23, 2014 at 08:53 PM

MC

“ I remember Joe well from high school . He was always lots of fun and had a great big good heart--everyone loved him. Thanks Joe for your service to our country and to the various tribes and agencies for whom you worked. Your life has made a difference and that is what we all strive for. Love, Marilyn Wisner Cesarano

Marilyn Cesarano - April 23, 2014 at 10:48 AM

JM

john and Helen Mckay
Joe you were one hell of a person . We want to thank you for being part of are lives. It would not be the same with out you. You will be miss and never forgotten . Thanks for the time you spend in the marines for are country. God took you for a reason. But we see you there before long. Love and never forgotten John and Helen mckay

john mckay - April 29, 2014 at 06:09 PM

AW

“ All our love, Gary & Ruthie Winterholler purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of Ovila Joseph LaPlante Jr.



All our love, Gary & Ruthie Winterholler - April 22, 2014 at 08:34 PM