



Roger M Fiander

July 27, 1939 - February 17, 2024

Roger M. Fiander passed to the other camp on February 17th 2024. He was resting for his journey at Memorial Hospital, Yakima, Wa. Roger was born on July 27th 1939 in Saint Anthony's Hospital; Pendleton, Oregon to Charles M. Fiander and Frances Rose, He spent the very early years of his life in Auburn and Tacoma, Wa with his father.

He was raised in White Swan, Wa, living with his grandparents William and Alma Fiander, until his father moved back to White Swan.

Roger attended White Swan Schools, Graduating High School in 1957. Roger also attended Yakima Valley Community College, Central Washington University and Navajo Community College. Roger left Central Washington College his Junior year for a position with the Yakama Nation.

In his high school years Roger participated in the sports of Football, Basketball, Baseball and Tack. The highlight was defeating Goldendale 19-6; who at the time was ranked #1 in the state at Football. White Swan football was also League Champs in 1956.

Roger went straight from high school to serve his country; Roger spent 8 years (1957-1965) in the United States Air Force. Basic Training-1957 Lackland AFB, Texas- Dec. 3rd, 1957 Air Postal Sq. Chatearoux Air Station France. 1961 Hq Sq 3080 ABGP- Caribor Af Stn, -1962 92nd Air Base Wing Fairchild, AFB Wa -1963-1964 Det 1, 11th Air Postal Sq. Saigon Tanson Nhut, Air Base Vietnam-1964-1965 432nd Air Base Gp- Larson AFB, Wa While in the service Roger enjoyed international Basketball, He also

participated on the 432nd Gp Football team in 1964. During his time in the Air Force Roger took up the sport of Boxing. In 1960, Roger was the light welterweight of the all Air Force Unit in France. In 1960 Roger was the Runner-up in the light welter weight championship fight of all the Air Force Unit in Europe(USAFE)-Lost a split decision 3-2 to a fighter from Philadelphia,PA.

Roger's Air Force Service took him to Vietnam; 1963-1964. When he returned home, by his own evaluation; when he came home he was not the same person .

After Roger's discharge, He took up Rodeo. Having been raised a Cowboy by his Grandpa, Rodeo was a natural fit. Roger excelled at the time event end of the rodeo arena. Winning many awards. Team Roping (Header) became his specialty. During that time Roger won several belt buckles and saddles. In 2002, Roger along with roping partner and very good friend Dean Armstrong-Won the Sr. Pro Rodeo, 60+ years in Forth Worth, Texas. Also in 2002, at the age of 63 years; Roger and Dean won the Canadian Senior Pro Rodeo Finals 60+ years Team Roping in Alberta, Canada. After that Roger attended many jackpot ropings with his wife Cooky and brother in-law Joe Moses, plus Numerous of others along the way. Roger and Cooky placed 3rd in the #9 at a USTRC Roping in Missoula, Montana in 2003, Bring home about \$3500 bucks. Roger and Daryl Wimeyer won the Century Team roping at the Nespelem Indian Rodeo in 2014. Roger and Daryl went the Indian National Finals Rodeo in 2014 and placed 7th in the average. Roger slowed down after that. In may of 2016 Roger went through 3 spinal surgeries and his Rodeo; Team Roping days were over. He was 77 years old. Roger loved to spend time in the mountains because his father was an awesome fly-fisherman. Roger turned to his love for the Klickitat river and fly Fishing. He taught his wife Cooky how to fly fish and where to find the trout. "Cooky is a pretty darn good fly fisherwoman" Roger Married the love of his life; Velma J. Fiander (cooky) on November 20, 1987.

Roger devoted his life to a life of service. The United States Air Force right out

of high school. A laborer for the roads Dept. right out of the military service. The Cunningham Creek-Mount Adams lake road. White Swan Lumber Co. FT. Simcoe Job Corp. Elmers Smoke Shop. In 1972 Roger became the first manager of the Yakama Nation Tobacco Warehouse. The YIN sent Roger to classes at the Navajo Community college. In 1974 along with his friend(brother) Clifford SiJohn they wrote the "Indian Portion of the Comprehensive employment and training act" (this is a federal act). Indian Action Program Manager. Administration community service division. Administration Natural resource division. Tribal Administration Director. Manager Yakima Klickitat fisheries project. Program manager YIN voc-rehab. Assistant Deputy director human services division. 2001-2006 retired. 2007 Vice chair. 2008 Chairman. 2011 Purchasing agent-YIN legends casino. 2018 Retired. July 2019 Yakama Indian Nation General Council Chairman. Over 50 years of service to my people.

Roger is preceded in death by his grandparents William and Alma Fiander, Oscar Rose, Emma Baker. Parents Frances Rose Murawski (mother)1973. Edith L. Fiander (step-mother)1973. Charles M. Fiander(father)1992.Charlene R. Fiander Yallup (sister)

Roger is survived by his wife Velma J. Fiander (cook)

Sister Judy Halttunen (Glen) Neah Bay, Wa

Children: Veronique R Fiander Mostoles, Madrad,Spain Veronica Jim

Lawrence(Steve) Wapato,Wa Denise Fiander Hill(Noel) White Swan,Wa.

Donald M. Fiander(Annette) White Swan,Wa. Daylene M. Fiander(Morris)

Wapato,Wa. Roger M. Fiander Jr.(Felicia) Granger,Wa Arlen C.

Fiander(Hudda) Wapato,Wa,

His very special baby, who he raised Julianne J. Fiander

With numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren. Nieces, Nephews, Cousin and Friend all across this Nation.

Previous Events

Dressing Services

FEB 21. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (PT)

Colonial Funeral Home
228 S. Alder
Toppenish, WA

Overnight services Wednesday February 21, 2024 at the White Swan Community Center Rosary will start at 4PM at the Community Center

Overnight Service

FEB 21. 7:00 PM (PT)

White Swan Community Center

Mass of Christian Burial

FEB 22. 8:00 AM (PT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church
40 W. White Swan Road
White Swan, WA

Tribute Wall

JO

“ Jackie Olney lit a candle in memory of Roger M Fiander



Jackie Olney - February 27, 2024 at 05:11 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Roger M Fiander.



February 26, 2024 at 07:25 PM

JC

“ Jeff & Kim Christensen planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Roger M Fiander.

Jeff & Kim Christensen - February 26, 2024 at 07:25 PM

LM

“ Lynn Richardson McGlocklin—Roger was my friend, from the time I was 10. He never stopped being my friend, and he never got too important for me. His death is a loss for a whole lot of us! I'm so grateful for our reconnections through the years, with Violet Lumley's death, at all our WSHS 1957 class reunions, Roger was a GEM. I'm so happy to see how appreciated he was, because he faced his vet's demons every day. God bless you vets!

Lynn McGlocklin - February 23, 2024 at 02:29 PM

TG

“ *Tiffany Goudy lit a candle in memory of Roger M Fiander*



Tiffany Goudy - February 22, 2024 at 12:39 PM

AN

“ *Prayers and strength for a man who accomplished alot in his life and he will be remembered. Take care you all*



Annie - February 22, 2024 at 11:08 AM

DM

“ *I would like to send my condolences to the Fiander family . My thoughts and prayers go out to you all !*

Dale R Mann

Dale R Mann - February 22, 2024 at 10:04 AM

EM

“ *My condolences to the family , great man I was horned to meet .*

Eddie. Taco man - February 21, 2024 at 08:12 PM

FG

“ *Our sincere condolences to Fiander Family.
Sending prayers during this difficult time.*



Freddy and Carol Gonzales - February 21, 2024 at 07:48 PM

PF

“ *Im Sending you off with love n light, til we meet again
attowishomash Patricia Fiander Bogar & Family hugs to my Cooky*

Patricia Fiander - February 21, 2024 at 07:39 PM

ST

“ *Sissy Tsoodle lit a candle in memory of Roger
M Fiander*



Sissy Tsoodle - February 21, 2024 at 07:08 PM

GN

“ *Gina Northover-Moore lit a candle in memory
of Roger M Fiander*



Gina Northover-Moore - February 21, 2024 at 06:41 PM

DF

“ Deirdre And Joshua Fojuwaye lit a candle in memory of Roger M Fiander



Deirdre and Joshua Fojuwaye - February 21, 2024 at 04:43 PM

RO

“ Prayers for the family left behind.



Roberta - February 21, 2024 at 01:26 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Roger M Fiander.



February 20, 2024 at 11:58 PM



“ Prayers for Cooky and rest of family. Thank you for your service RF, may you rest in eternal peace. 🙏❤️🙏



Trina Sherwood - February 20, 2024 at 07:16 PM

RG

“ Our sincere condolences and prayers to the Fiander family!! Sending our love, peace and hugs!!❤️🤗🙏🙏 RIP Mr. Roger Fiander Mark and Raquel Burnett(Guerra) and the family..



Raquel Guera - February 20, 2024 at 06:24 PM

ST

“ Susie Tynan lit a candle in memory of Roger M Fiander



Susie Tynan - February 20, 2024 at 06:19 PM

MD

“ Michelle Juette, YVR (aka DL) purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Roger M Fiander.



Michelle Juette, YVR (aka DL) - February 20, 2024 at 06:07 PM

MD

“ Michelle Juette, YVR (aka DL) planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Roger M Fiander.

Michelle Juette, YVR (aka DL) - February 20, 2024 at 06:07 PM

KS

“ *Kim L. Smartlowit lit a candle in memory of Roger M Fiander*



Kim L. Smartlowit - February 20, 2024 at 05:57 PM

AN

“ *Angel lit a candle in memory of Roger M Fiander*



Angel - February 20, 2024 at 05:26 PM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Roger M Fiander.*



February 20, 2024 at 05:22 PM

VB

“ *Venita A Nagle and Vincent Blodgett planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Roger M Fiander.*

Venita A Nagle and Vincent Blodgett - February 20, 2024 at 05:22 PM

KJ

“ Love & Prayers to Cooky, his children, Family and Community. Thank You for sharing him w/ all of us. Roger was a true warrior, outstanding cowboy and a friend to all. A true testament of a good and honorable leader and man. With Greatest Respect, Carl & Kim Johnson Family



Kimberly Johnson - February 20, 2024 at 03:21 PM

SD

“ Sonya Dominguez lit a candle in memory of Roger M Fiander



Sonya Dominguez - February 20, 2024 at 02:47 PM

LF

“ Love & Prayers from Your WSIRA Families purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of Roger M Fiander.



Love & Prayers from Your WSIRA Families - February 20, 2024 at 02:29 PM

JW

“ Jerry & Debbie Armstrong, Sue Wren purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Roger M Fiander.



Jerry & Debbie Armstrong, Sue Wren - February 20, 2024 at 02:09 PM

BO

“ *Bernice Owens lit a candle in memory of Roger M Fiander*



Bernice Owens - February 20, 2024 at 01:44 PM

BF

“ *Blodgett-Edgar Family lit a candle in memory of Roger M Fiander*



Blodgett-Edgar Family - February 20, 2024 at 01:41 PM

ST

“ *Sabina Thompson lit a candle in memory of Roger M Fiander*



Sabina Thompson - February 20, 2024 at 01:22 PM

JM

“ *I will miss you trouble. I remember when we first met. For that journey well. Prayers to the family! Kind loving man, straight forward will truly be missed.*

Jasmine Martinez - February 20, 2024 at 01:01 PM

AF

“ 🙏🙏🙏 *Prayers for Family and Prayers for Yakama Nation*



Abel French - February 20, 2024 at 11:59 AM

RF

“ *Red Smith Family lit a candle in memory of Roger M Fiander*



Red Smith Family - February 20, 2024 at 11:30 AM

HC

“ *My sincere condolences to Cooky & family, Veronica, Donald & Denise. Rest easy Mr. Fiander.*



Hazel & Sandra Celestine - February 20, 2024 at 11:29 AM

DL

“ *Sorry for your loss*



David Lewis - February 20, 2024 at 11:17 AM

SS

“ My deepest heartfelt condolences to Cooky and atwai Rogers children and family, rest in peace neighbor.

Stella Speedis - February 20, 2024 at 09:27 AM

OJ

“ Prayers and sincere condolences to Cooky and the children , Atwi Roger was a good man and great friend , I grew up among all these good cowboys and learned alot from them, I was fortunate enough to have competed with him at the Indian National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas , Rest in peace cowboy .

Oliver Pimms Jr - February 19, 2024 at 10:44 PM

EL

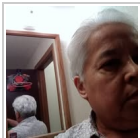
Prayers and Love from Glenwood our past and present memories will sustain!! Prayers for Cooky and Family, we mourn a good man!! 🙏❤️

Emma Jane LaVallie - February 20, 2024 at 01:20 AM



Love you all condolences to his familys his friends and all who have gone on before him. Prayers and love from THE BUTTERS. (LAURIE ANN)

Laurie Marchand - February 20, 2024 at 11:22 AM



“ Shasta Watlamet lit a candle in memory of Roger M Fiander



Shasta Watlamet - February 19, 2024 at 09:47 PM

RR

“ Ralph and Carole Rogers purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Roger M Fiander.



Ralph and Carole Rogers - February 19, 2024 at 09:15 PM

RR

“ Ralph and Carole Rogers planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Roger M Fiander.

Ralph and Carole Rogers - February 19, 2024 at 09:15 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Roger M Fiander.



February 19, 2024 at 08:16 PM

GB

“ Gene, Cindy & The Boys planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Roger M Fiander.

Gene, Cindy & The Boys - February 19, 2024 at 08:16 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Roger M Fiander.



February 19, 2024 at 07:39 PM

TF

“ The Tom and Holyan Families planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Roger M Fiander.

The Tom and Holyan Families - February 19, 2024 at 07:39 PM

DE

“ Cookie and family, i send prayers to each of you and know im praying for strength these coming days, atawiishamaash
RIP Yakama Nation GC Chairman
Sincerely,
Mamatachax

deanna - February 19, 2024 at 07:35 PM

AM

“ April Moses-Hyipeer lit a candle in memory of Roger M Fiander



April Moses-Hyipeer - February 19, 2024 at 07:30 PM

LE

“ Prayers & ((Hugs)) to the family, Leoda, Yakama,WA~



leoda - February 19, 2024 at 07:14 PM

MC

“ Cooky
Veronica
Chance
Cash

*My deepest condolences to all of you I love
each and everyone of you with my all so sorry for your loss I'll be
praying for all and for our elder on his journey
what a great loss for our
Yakama Nation*



mary finley cree - February 19, 2024 at 07:02 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the
family of Roger M Fiander.*



February 19, 2024 at 06:43 PM

LS

“ *Love Jon & Angelina Sampson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in
honor of Roger M Fiander.*

Love Jon & Angelina Sampson - February 19, 2024 at 06:43 PM

RR

“ *Condolences to the Family*

Rose n Ralph - February 19, 2024 at 06:32 PM

AB

“ *Angela Begay lit a candle in memory of Roger M Fiander*



Angela Begay - February 19, 2024 at 06:28 PM

MO

“ *Mary Lou Owen lit a candle in memory of Roger M Fiander*



Mary Lou Owen - February 19, 2024 at 06:06 PM

SO

“ *Sincerest condolences to family left behind. Love, hugs and prayers.*



Simone Owens - February 19, 2024 at 06:03 PM

TW

“ *Tamera & Jeff Walker lit a candle in memory of Roger M Fiander*



Tamera & Jeff Walker - February 19, 2024 at 05:59 PM

LS

“ *Lynn Squeochs lit a candle in memory of Roger M Fiander*



Lynn Squeochs - February 19, 2024 at 05:53 PM

LS

Sending our prayers and thoughts for the family.

Lynn Squeochs - February 19, 2024 at 05:56 PM

JS

Prayers and strength to Cookie and all the family...The Sampson's

jay sampson - February 19, 2024 at 11:14 PM

MG

He worked for the Casino for years, well to me he did, when I saw him on General Council I was so happy to see him in that spot. he is gone but not far from the minds of those he loved so much. prayers to the family, prayers to you my young friend Cash. Take care of your mom now.

Maxine E George - February 21, 2024 at 05:53 PM