



## "Sula-kia-heet" Sam Jim Sr.

August 21, 1933 - August 19, 2015

"Sula-kia-heet" Sam Jim Sr. (81) of Goldendale passed away in Goldendale on August 19, 2015 surrounded by his family. He was born in Roosevelt, WA on August 21, 1933 to Bill and Annie (Popkiawahnee) Jim. He was raised and educated in Roosevelt and Arlington, OR and Chemawa Boarding School. On June 5, 1965 he married Bernice Smartlowit in Georgeville. Sam will be remembered as a hard working man who always provided for his family and inspired many people in their jobs and led many to the Lord. His calling was being a minister at the 1910 Shaker Church. He taught traditional culture to all and was a fluent speaker of the Yakama language. Sam worked as a law enforcement officer for many years for the Yakama Nation and for Inter-Tribal Fisheries. He was a fisherman, worked as a fisheries biologist and was currently in his 17th year as a Yakama Nation Tribal Councilman. He loved pro wrestling and attending the matches, watching his family participate in powwows, fishing, hunting and rodeo. Sam is survived by his wife, Bernice of Goldendale; six daughters, Sandra (Damian) Solomon of Wapato, Sharlene, Stacy, Sonja and Stephanie Jim all of Goldendale and Yvette (Ricardo) Briones of Richland; four sons, Stuart (Espoke) Jim of Wapato, Simeon (Shaarnute) Jim of Toppenish, Sullivan and Samuel Jim both of Goldendale and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers; three sons and a granddaughter.

Dressing services will be held at Colonial Funeral Home on Friday August 21, 2015 at 9AM with overnight services following at the Rock Creek Longhouse.

Funeral services will be at sunrise Saturday at the Pine Creek Cemetery. Friends can send condolences at [www.toppenishfunerals.com](http://www.toppenishfunerals.com). Colonial Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

# Tribute Wall



“ *"Sula-kia-heet" Sam Jim Sr.*

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October 05, 2023 at 11:22 AM



“ *I will dearly miss my Uncle Sam. He was always a kind and welcoming man to me.*

*Jack Schwartz/Shoshynsh*

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**Shoshynsh** - September 07, 2015 at 11:34 PM



“ *To the family of Sam Jim, may you be blessed with loving memories of your time with him. His presence and leadership will be greatly missed.*

*Ann Pratt*

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**Ann Pratt** - August 24, 2015 at 10:44 AM



“ *To the family of Sam Jim, we will keep you in our prayers throughout the coming year & in the years to come for strength to go on with life. May you cherish the loved memories he has left within your heart. He was a very kind hearted uncle who will be missed.*

*Love ya'll,*

*Debra M. Johnson & Richard Cayou*

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**Debra M. Johnson** - August 21, 2015 at 12:41 PM

RS

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with the family. He was a kind man, and as a Tribal Leader will be missed.* ”



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**Rhonda RedHorn Sandoval** - August 20, 2015 at 07:01 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of "Sula-kia-heet" Sam Jim Sr..* ”



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August 20, 2015 at 06:56 PM

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“ *Love, Prayers and Condolences to all of the Family...Rod, Cece and family* ”



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**Cece Walsey-Begay** - August 20, 2015 at 03:31 PM