



## Sharon John

February 21, 1947 - October 15, 2011

Sharon L. John (64) of Wapato passed away on Saturday October 15, 2011 in Yakima. She was born in Yakima on February 21, 1947 to Anthony and Lillian (Kanine) Hoptowit. Sharon worked as a Registered Nurse at the Yakama Service Unit of Indian Health Service with the Commission Corps where she currently held the rank of Lieutenant Commander. She is survived by her husband, Lehigh John Sr. of Wapato; four sons, Sydney John of Zillah, Shawn John of Yakima, Kevin and Lehigh John Jr. both of Wapato; eight grandchildren; three brothers, Tony Hoptowit Jr. of Cayuse, OR, James Hoptowit of Afghanistan, and John Hoptowit of Wapato; seven sisters, Shirley Iman of Dallesport, WA, Joyce Mardel of Wapato, Faith Kahclamat of Toppenish, Elaine Hoptowit of Ft. Hall, ID, Valerie Juan of Phoenix, AZ, Kathy Batin of Wapato and Debbie Lewis of Enumclaw. Dressing services will be held on Monday October 17, 2011 at Colonial Funeral Home. Overnight services will be Monday and Tuesday evenings at the Toppenish Community Center. Funeral services will be at sunrise Wednesday October 19, 2011 at the Satus Point Cemetery south of Toppenish. Colonial Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 17. 2:00 PM (PT)

Colonial Funeral Home  
228 S. Alder  
Toppenish, WA

## Service

OCT 17. 7:00 PM (PT)

Toppenish Community Center  
600 N. Meyers Road  
Toppenish,, WA

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OCT 18. 7:00 PM (PT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Sharon John

October 05, 2023 at 11:22 AM



“ My condolences to the whole family. Sharon was a great woman, whom has achieved above and beyond, showing passion in everything she did from rodeos, to nursing, to the community, and of course to her family. She was a tremendous part of my life and has played a huge role on my becoming an RN and the person I am today. For this, I thank her. I am glad to know at the time of her passing that she was surrounded by the ones she loved. Sharon will be missed, but never forgotten. Rest in peace.##imported-begin##Karen (Arreola) Prince, RN, BSN##imported-end##

November 07, 2011 at 05:50 PM



“ What a beautiful tribute to a gracious woman. The ceremony and songs at the longhouse were touching. Sharon touched many lives in her long journey thru this life she shared with each of us. Our sympathy to the family and friends, and may the creator give each of you strength and guidance in the days ahead. With deepest sympathy and love,  
Luella and Louise##imported-begin##Louise Spino Paxton & Luella Spino Azule##imported-end##

October 25, 2011 at 10:05 PM



“ I was so sorry to hear about Sharon going on. May God Bless her journey and all who were touched by her life.##imported-begin##Kayte Pratt, RN##imported-end##

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October 24, 2011 at 01:32 PM



“ My heart and prayers go out to the family in your time of need,,may the good lord bless you and watch over and your family,,so sorry for your loss of ah Great woman! Take care,  
Bernice Owens & family,  
Toppenish, Washington.##imported-begin##Bernice Owens##imported-end##

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October 20, 2011 at 04:23 PM



“ I am so sad to hear about Sharon. She was such an inspiration for me. I met her years ago in Tucson at an IHS conference and then worked with her at Warm Springs. We worked together to get a pain support group started. Her dedication to helping people was so evident in her spirit and heart. She was a special, special lady and I value that time I worked with her more then I can describe. Please accept my prayers and thoughts for all.##imported-begin##Sharon Miller##imported-end##

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October 19, 2011 at 04:57 PM



“ I loved this lady's energy and delightful smile. She blessed me in her time at Warm Springs.

Sincerely,  
Dr. Marilyn###imported-begin###Dr. Marilyn Waller-  
Niewold###imported-end###

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October 19, 2011 at 01:37 PM



“ My deepest sympathy for your loss. I have much respect for the work Sharon accomplished, and know she will be greatly missed by many. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. Love,  
Kathy###imported-begin###Kathy Mosley, RN###imported-end###

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October 19, 2011 at 12:14 PM



“ I'm so saddened to hear of your loss, Sharon was a great person. Im blessed to have been able to have known and work with her on the Patient Education and Protocol Committee. She is a wonderful role model. I will keep your family in my prayers.

Destiny Anderson, RD  
Blackfeet Community Hospital.###imported-begin###Destiny  
Anderson###imported-end###

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October 19, 2011 at 11:20 AM



“ Shawn, Lisa, Chaska, & John Family, We are sorry for your loss.  
Dave & Dianne Trevino & Family###imported-begin###Dave & Dianne  
Trevino###imported-end###

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October 19, 2011 at 10:40 AM



“ I am truly saddened by the news of Sharon's passing. I first met Sharon when we were both working part-time at the nursing home, and we became instant friends. Although we didn't see each other regularly, each time we met, we talked for hours. Sharon had a special way about her and her smile spoke a thousand words. She was my inspiration and role model and I will never forget her. She left us much too early and the world is a sadder place. My prayers to her family.##imported-begin##Nina Maltos##imported-end##

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October 19, 2011 at 12:12 AM



“ I cried when I seen Sharon's notice put up at our clinic, here in Warm Springs. She was such a kind person, diligent in her work, loved it, you could tell. Sharon kind demeanor was what drew many persons to her.

*The Native nation and the world lost a great person.*

*R.I.P. Sharon Johns, I will never forget you. Celestine Brunoe of W.S., Oregon##imported-begin##Celestine Brunoe##imported-end##*

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October 18, 2011 at 06:38 PM



“ We, the children of the late Edward, Sr. & Amelia Spino, of Warm Springs, OR, send our love and prayers to the family. She was our Aunt, thru our father's side. I worked with her at the clinic when she was here. I am glad I got to know her. She'd explain how we were related. She was a very nice, caring lady. She will be missed. This comes with heartfelt expressions of sympathy for the family in the loss of the one we all loved.  
Edward Spino, Jr. (Lisa)  
Rosaline Moran & family  
Winona Stwyer & Sons  
Roxanne Begay (Wilson) & family  
Raydine Spino and family  
Louis Spino##imported-begin##Winona (Spino) Stwyer##imported-end##

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October 18, 2011 at 05:58 PM



“ I was fortunate to get the opportunity to work with such a kind lady. Her dedication to her profession and family set a good example for all to follow. My thoughts and prayers go out to all those she loved.##imported-begin##Leroy Whitekiller##imported-end##

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October 18, 2011 at 04:56 PM



“ I would like to thank you for sharing Sharon with us down here at the Warm Springs Clinc. I really enjoyed her alot. my prayers go out to your family.##imported-begin##Darylynne Cortazar(Scott)##imported-end##

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October 18, 2011 at 04:26 PM



“ I am sorry to hear of Sharon, Sharon worked here at the IHS, i work as the security officer here at the Warm Springs IHS..Sharon was with us for several years.

Sharon will truly missed, last night, in mens sweat, we prayed for the family if Sharon John...she has a special way with people, i am deeply sorry for your loss, we played flute and prayed last night in mens sweat.

Sharon will truly be missed, she use to bring fruit by my department, (facilities Management) here in Warm Springs Oregon, she will be missed. May her walk with the creator be a great one..

Clem R. Picard

Security Officer

Warm Springs

IHS###imported-begin##Clem Ray Picard###imported-end##

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October 18, 2011 at 03:58 PM



“ Please send condolences to Aut-wy's surviving family. She will be missed here in Warm springs. She was an asset to our people. She was a friend; we will have good memories.

I also want to send condolences for my Aunt; Bernice Mitchell. Aut-wy was good to her. My Aunt cannot travel much; she is aging. She feels bad for her.###imported-begin##Cassie Katchia###imported-end##

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October 18, 2011 at 03:27 PM



“ I'll miss you, Sharon.###imported-begin##CDR Elizabeth Sachse, PHN, USPHS###imported-end##

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October 18, 2011 at 03:11 PM



“ So sorry to hear about your wife Lehigh. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this sad time in you life.

Darold.....##imported-begin##Darold Larson##imported-end##

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October 18, 2011 at 02:20 PM



“ I worked with Sharon for many years. I never new anyone more dedicated to her job than Sharon. I talked with her not long ago about her new position as Public Health Nurse in the White Swan area. She was so excited about working and helping the people in that area. Sharon will be missed.

God be with those she left behind.

Gary Nelson##imported-begin##Gary Nelson##imported-end##

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October 18, 2011 at 11:05 AM



“ Sweet peaceful journey to our big Sister now, may she rest and suffer no longer. To the family left behind, pray God will wrap his arms around and give you the strength and courage you will need. Sharon led a wonderful life and helped many of our people. So many are remembering her today and their prayers are also with each of you. Yep, she had a beautiful smile, and always had a kind word for everyone. Today she gets her wings, and sits beside our Creator. My prayers are with each of you, take care of yourselves.

Gina Jerry##imported-begin##Gina Jerry##imported-end##

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October 17, 2011 at 05:35 PM



“ Sharon will be missed. I wish your entire family my condolences. May she find peace and comfort.##imported-begin##Stacy Hill##imported-end##

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October 17, 2011 at 03:05 PM



“ Lehigh and family:  
I was so sorry to hear of the passing of Sharon. I have known her since our teenage years. I had the good opportunity to visit with her at Warm Springs when I was working there with the BIA. Lehigh I will keep you in my prayers as I will your children.##imported-begin##Marjory Hyde##imported-end##

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October 17, 2011 at 01:11 PM



“ Our condolences to your family. Sharon was a great woman.##imported-begin##Gary & Dulcie George##imported-end##

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October 17, 2011 at 11:16 AM



“ Lehigh and family, I am sorry for the loss of your wife, mother, grandmother. From over the miles I send my condolences and will continue to pray for you all in the days ahead, Love, cousin Claudette and family!!##imported-begin##Claudette Dogsleep Eckiwady##imported-end##

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October 17, 2011 at 08:35 AM



“ My Family& I send Condolences with Sincere Sympathy.We were saddened to hear of the passing Of +Mrs. John+my Son Michael grew up w/ Leighigh Jr.She will be missed by many.I always remember her soft spoken manner. Rest in Peace+Mrs John+...Suzi,John Saiz& Family Seattle Wa, SPECIALIST Michael,Jacqueline Hernandez&Family Ft.Richardson Alaska my Twins Joshua&Juan III Huereca Seattle Wa.##imported-begin##Angela Hernandez##imported-end##

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October 16, 2011 at 06:43 PM



“ Syd and Robin, I was so sorry to read about your mother's passing. She was an integral part of Indian Health Service. She left much too early. I know the comfort of family and her many friends will give you strength. Thinking of you all.  
Love, Phyllis Hunt##imported-begin##Phyllis Hunt##imported-end##

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October 16, 2011 at 02:59 PM



“ DEAR LEHIGH AND FAMILY I AM SO SORRY FOR THE LOSS OF YOUR WIFE/MOTHER AND MY FRIEND. SHARON WAS THE SWEETEST LADY THAT I HAVE EVER KNOWN. I USED TO TEASE HER A LOT BECAUSE I LOVED SEEING HER FAMOUS SMILE AND REACTION. MY GOD BLESS SHARON IN HEAVEN AND MAY HE ALSO BLESS THE FAMILY IN THIS TIME OF SORROW. WE WILL ALL MISS SUCH A SWEET PERSON AS SHARON IS AND MAY GOD BLESS HER SOUL. IN JESUS' NAME JOE & LINDA LAPLANTE.##imported-begin##JOE LAPLANTE TUCSON AZ. ##imported-end##

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October 16, 2011 at 08:20 AM