



## Timothy Alan Sampson

January 15, 1961 - December 24, 2022

Timothy A. Sampson “Spohi”, born January 15, 1961, passed away surrounded by his loved ones on December 24, 2022, in Yakima, WA. He was born In Toppenish, WA to Ralph Sampson, Sr. and Florence W. (White) Briones. Tim was raised and educated in White Swan, WA. After he graduated, he entered the Marines in 1980 where he finished his 5 Yr. term in MarBks Hawaii, Pearl Harbor, HI and was ranked at Sargent E-5. He returned home to the Yakama Nation and continued his education and received his bachelor’s degree in business at the Heritage University. Tim worked numerous jobs with the Yakama Nation through out his years and was currently working at Yakama Nation Foster Retirement Center.

He was survived by his siblings Ralph Sampson Jr., Tammy Gasca, Mary Sampson & Teresa Tappo. He helped raise Kristin Sampson, Sondra Sampson, Jennifer George, Krystal Yallup, numerous Nieces, Nephews & Grandchildren. We were all his “Schmoes” and he was our “Biggest Schmo”. He was a member of Toppenish Creek Longhouse where he received his Indian Name “Spohi”, he also would attend 1910 Shaker Church. Timothy used to love going fishing, traveling to basketball tournaments & pow wows, telling jokes, and gambling.

He is preceded in death by his father Ralph Sampson, Sr., his mother Florence W. (White) Briones, his paternal grandparents Alex Whitefoot Sampson & Josephine Atkins Sampson, his maternal grandparents John White & Lottie Wahpat White, His Mate Karen Leslie Norcross, His siblings

Perry Sampson, John Sampson, Gary Sampson & Sandra Sampson.  
Arrangements will be on Thursday, December 29, 2022, at Toppenish  
Community Center starting at 10:00 A.M. with the dressing and then taken for  
Burial to his final resting place at Yesmowit Cemetery.  
Officiator will be Louie Sweowat Jr., pallbearers will be Scott Sampson,  
Jonathan Sampson, Elias Tappo, Leonardo Tappo, Jesse Hernandez, Chad  
Gardee, honorary pallbearers Yakama Nation Housing Authority and Yakama  
Nation Foster Retirement Center.

## Cemetery Details

### Yesmowit Cemetery

White Swan, WA

## Previous Events

### Funeral Service

DEC **29**. 10:00 AM (PT)

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

# Tribute Wall



“ *Timothy Alan Sampson*

October 05, 2023 at 11:22 AM



“ *Allison Davis-White Eyes lit a candle in memory of Timothy Alan Sampson*



**Allison Davis-White Eyes** - January 02, 2023 at 08:34 PM



“ *Debra Whitefoot sent a virtual gift in memory of Timothy Alan Sampson*



**Debra Whitefoot** - December 30, 2022 at 12:32 PM



*First and foremost thank you for your service to our Nation and to Yakama Nation watching over our elders. Always kind and a quiet person. First Native American in the Nation to be housed in the Tribal HUD VASH Program for Veterans. Fly high cuz and be reunited with family and your wife. You will be missed, but you are now free your work is done here. Love and prayers.*

**Debra Whitefoot** - December 30, 2022 at 12:36 PM

JO

“ Jackie Olney lit a candle in memory of  
Timothy Alan Sampson



Jackie Olney - December 29, 2022 at 03:18 PM

VC

“ Will miss hearing your voice, until we meet again, Rest in Peace

vicki casseseka - December 29, 2022 at 11:53 AM

CA

“ Sad to see Tim passing? He was caring ,  
funny I enjoyed his stories, jokes. Now your  
with your beautiful wife 💕 you will be missed  
dearly



Cynthia Arthur - December 28, 2022 at 11:52 PM

TG

“ My condolences to the family. I will miss his  
kind laughter and smile. Worked with him at  
many tribal jobs. Fly high



Tamera Gardee - December 28, 2022 at 09:55 PM

LS

“ You will always be missed by many here at Foster Retirement, will share your happiness and joke telling my good friend LENORA SPINO 🙏



Lenora Spino - December 28, 2022 at 09:10 PM

PS

“ Pam Sohappy lit a candle in memory of Timothy Alan Sampson



Pam Sohappy - December 28, 2022 at 08:18 PM

DB

“ R.I.P Tim ☐ was w.s cougar friend, I salute you my friend 🙌

Deborah Brown - December 28, 2022 at 07:58 PM

PH

“ Thank you for your service to our country. And am going to miss your kindness and all the help you provided to our Elders. Prayers for your family and your journey.  
Phylistine



Phylistine - December 28, 2022 at 06:53 PM

BE

“ *Beatrice lit a candle in memory of Timothy Alan Sampson*



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**Beatrice** - December 28, 2022 at 06:50 PM

SW

“ *Stephanie White sent a virtual gift in memory of Timothy Alan Sampson*



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**Stephanie white** - December 28, 2022 at 06:30 PM

SG

“ *Susan George lit a candle in memory of Timothy Alan Sampson*



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**Susan George** - December 28, 2022 at 05:14 PM

RJ

“ Rest in Eternal Peace to Mr. Sampson. Have a quick and fast journey.

Tim did a lot of good things in his life. Family and children were important to him, good values.

Tim left many tracks behind, hope they will give others hope and do some of these things.

Finish high school. Military. Travel. College education.

It seemed he was always lonely. So whoever he was missing, they now remeet. Parents, siblings, lifetime friends.

But he always shared a smile and nodded his head. Polite and was a friend to many.

So we come to say latter, until latter.

You tell your father, your brother, your uncle, your friend to rest easy, his job is over. He has earned his wings and he is set free.

Fly high.

God blesses to all.



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Regina Jerry - December 28, 2022 at 05:09 PM

VC

I'll miss you my wonderful, kind, generous and thoughtful cousin & friend. Now you are truly reunited with your mom, dad, sister & brothers & friends. You are in a much better place. Hug , kiss your mom & dad and enjoy your time to reunite with them. As said earlier, fly high cuz....may your journey be a swift one.

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Valerie White Randall Craig - December 29, 2022 at 12:02 AM

AW

“ Alexandria Smartlowit Whitefoot lit a candle in memory of Timothy Alan Sampson



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Alexandria Smartlowit Whitefoot - December 28, 2022 at 04:23 PM

DN

“ *David Northover lit a candle in memory of Timothy Alan Sampson*



David Northover - December 28, 2022 at 03:52 PM

LC

“ *Laurene Contreras lit a candle in memory of Timothy Alan Sampson*



Laurene Contreras - December 28, 2022 at 03:40 PM

PS

“ *Patti Smith lit a candle in memory of Timothy Alan Sampson*



Patti Smith - December 28, 2022 at 03:14 PM

BY

“ *I'm going to miss seeing u around uncle. Give everyone up there a hug for me. <3*



Byrda - December 28, 2022 at 02:55 PM