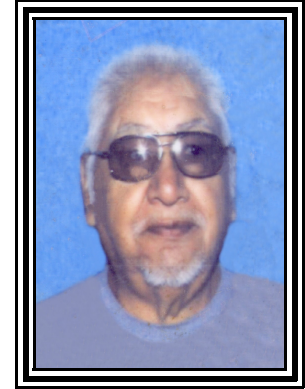


Obituary

Ralph F. “Bugs” Dixey, Jr., 74



Ralph F. Dixey, Jr., 74, passed away Friday, April 8, 2011 at the Pocatello Care and Rehab Center.

He was born August 4, 1936 in Fort Hall, Idaho, to Ralph F. Dixey, Sr. and Virgie Gibson Dixey. He has lived his entire life in the Gibson area of Fort Hall. He attended school in Blackfoot and Chemawa Indian School in Salem, Oregon.

In February 1959 he married Daisy Wenee at Fort Hall, Idaho.

Ralph served in the United States Navy during the Korean War, aboard the U.S.S. Richard B. Anderson.

He worked as a fire-fighter for the Sho-Ban Fire Fighters, the Tribal Soil and Moisture Program, operated heavy equipment for the BIA Road Department for 30 years and retired from the BIA, and was a Game Warden for the Sho-Ban Tribe.

His hobbies include: Traveling, ranching, leather tooling, metal detecting for his coin collection, going to Pow Wows, selling his original art and crafts and traditional dancing with his three brothers, as part of the Horace Johnson Dance Group.

He is survived by his wife, Daisy of Fort Hall; brothers, Clyde Owen (Louise) Dixey of Gibson, Ivan Stanton (Debbie) Dixey of Fort Hall; sister, Leathie Dixey of Gibson and many nieces and nephews, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers, Barney Dixey, Sr., R. Willis Dixey and Dennis Dixey; two sisters, Amy Dixey Dann and Deloris Dixey; one niece, Sonja Dixey, whom he raised, a granddaughter, Barbette Perdash and a step-son Charles Wenee, Sr.

Traditional Native American Burial will be held at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, April 12, 2011 at the Gibson Cemetery. Ralph will be at his residence on North Truchot Road from 12:00 Noon Monday, April 11, 2011 and will remain there until time of burial on Tuesday. Military rites will be presented by the Fort Hall Veteran's Group.

Arrangements are under the direction of Hawker Funeral Home, condolences may be sent to the Dixey family at: condolences@hawkerfuneralhome.com.