

## Obituary

### William D. Edmo, 75

William “Rusty” D. Edmo, Sr., 75, of Fort Hall, Idaho passed away Monday, March 21, 2011.

Rusty was born August 6, 1936 to Bill Edmo of Fort Hall, Idaho, and Helen Monroe, of Browning Montana.



He grew up in Fort Hall, Idaho and Browning, Montana. When he was 19 he joined the United States Marine Corp and was a radio operator and a Korean war veteran. After the military he was a heavy equipment operator and worked construction traveling the northwest United States before pursuing his higher education. Rusty attended Idaho State University, University of South Dakota, and the University of Great Falls, Montana, graduating with a Bachelor of Arts degree in English/Secondary Education, Master’s in Education. Rusty was instrumental in furthering Indian education for the Shoshone Bannock Tribes. He was the Shoshone Bannock High School Principal/Superintendent, Tribal Grants Writer, and a Private Consultant.

He married Leann Lish and they had 4 children and they later divorced. He married Mary Higgins and they had 3 children and they later divorced. He spent the remainder of his life with his companion Lucretia “Lolly” Austin.

Rusty was active in the National Indian Education Association, National Association of School Superintendants, National Council Indian Education, National School Board Association. He was an avid artist and enjoyed oil painting, writing, and authored the book History and Culture of the Boise Shoshone and Bannock Indians. He also enjoyed a lifetime of rodeo/saddlebronc/bareback/bulldogger and team roping. He was a world champion at 17 years old!

Rusty is survived by his children, Alexander Edmo, Lisa Edmo, Leslie White, Eric Edmo, Willy (Julie) Edmo, Leonard Edmo, Dale Blevins, 35 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren, and his brother, Jack Edmo of Browning, Montana, and numerous nieces, nephews and extended family. He was preceded in death by his parents, Bill Edmo, and Helen Monroe Sherman, and one brother Melvin “Buzz” Edmo.

A prayer service will be held 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, March 23, 2011 at Hawker Funeral Home, 132 S. Shilling Ave., Blackfoot, Idaho. William’s body will then be taken out to the home of Eric Edmo on East Truchot Road on Thursday morning until time of services on Friday. Traditional burial service will be held 2:00 p.m. Friday, March 25, 2011 at the Mission Cemetery in Fort Hall. Condolences may be sent to the family online at [condolences@hawkerfuneralhome.com](mailto:condolences@hawkerfuneralhome.com).