

Obituary

Gerald McAllister “JK” Kniffin, 83



Gerald McAllister “JK” Kniffin, 83, of Fort Hall, Idaho, passed away Monday, January 18, 2010, with his loved ones by his side, at his home on East Sheepskin Road.

JK was born on April 18, 1926 in Fort Hall, Idaho to Julian F Kniffin and Annie Laura LaVatta Kniffin. He spent his entire life in the Fort Hall area, attending schools in Fort Hall.

In 1967, JK married Tina Guardipee, together they had three children, Edward, Laurie and Kelly Kniffin. They later divorced and remarried again on August 25, 2000. Tina was the love of his life.

Through the years, he held many jobs. He worked for more than 26 years with the tribe and government. In his free time, he enjoyed hunting, fishing, rock chuck hunting and taking long slow drives. He also enjoyed doing his crossword puzzles and spending time with his grandchildren that he loved so much.

JK is survived by his wife, Tina Kniffin; son, Eddy (Kenzie) Kniffin of Fort Hall; daughter, Laurie Kniffin of Fort Hall; sister, Karen “Tinka” Kniffin of Fort Hall; brother, Gale “Tony” Kniffin of Ben Lomond, California; 11 grandchildren, Dulton, Shayann, Trevor and Shayla Johnson, Julian, Juliann, Kurvin, Austin, and Evy Kniffin, Wacy Ignace and Bobby Bear; four great grandchildren, Kennion Martin, Dulton Johnson Jr., Rainey and Kobe Bear; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Jerry was preceded in death by his son, Kelly Kniffin; parents, Julian and Annie Kniffin; and sister, Bernice Ball.

JK will be taken to the Good Shepherd Mission in Fort Hall at 12:00 Noon on Wednesday, January 20, 2010. Family will meet with friends and relatives from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 21, 2010 at Good Shepherd Mission. Funeral services will be held 12:00 p.m. Noon Friday, January 22, 2010 at Good Shepherd Mission. Burial will be held at the Mission Cemetery. Funeral services are under the care of Hawker Funeral Home in Blackfoot. Condolences can be sent to the family at condolences@hawkerfuneralhome.com.