



Yurok Today

The Voice of the Yurok People



Grand Opening for Willow Creek Office

Willow Creek Tribal Office opens with new offices & Meeting room for Tribal Council



MARCH 2023 PUBLIC NOTICES



YUROK TRIBAL COURT LEGAL NOTICES

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Klamath, CA 95548

CIVIL SUMMONS

CASE: CV22-028

Hearing Date: 4/20/2023

Yurok Tribe v. One Hundred Foot Gill Net with Blue, Green, and Red Rope (Property Tag #1589)

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"WOMEN, FOR OURSELVES, WE WILL HELP IT"

YUROK WEYN-CHOKWS NEE-MUECH KEE NER-GERY

Microgrant Program

The mission of the Yurok Weyn-chokws Nee-muech Kee Ner-gerly Program is to improve economic opportunity and financial security for Yurok women and girls who have been disproportionately impacted by harmful government systems and economic practices, historically and during the COVID-19 pandemic.



APPLY:



Eligibility Criteria

- Enrolled Yurok Tribal member;
- Woman or girl; and
- Current or past participation in Yurok Tribal Court and/or Yurok Health and Human Services programs preferred.

Applications due April 15, 2023

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for more information or help applying.



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Federal Court Rules in Favor of Salmon

Klamath Irrigation Project must comply with Endangered Species Act

A federal district court reconfirmed that the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation must comply with the federal Endangered Species Act (ESA) in operating the Klamath Irrigation Project.

"Once again, the courts unequivocally rule that the ESA is the law of the river," stated Yurok Vice Chairman Frankie Myers. "Protecting the fisheries we depend on for culture and subsistence comes first when making water allocation decisions."

Under the ESA, water must be released from the project to provide Klamath River flows to sustain salmon that are on the endangered species list. But irrigators who obtain water from the project have long argued in court that distributing water for irrigation is outside the scope of the Endangered Species Act. Federal courts have consistently rejected the irrigators' argument, the 9th Circuit Court holding as long ago as 1999 (*Klamath Water Users Protective Ass'n vs. Patterson*, 204 F.3d 1206 (9th Cir. 1999)) that the ESA applies to the project and overrides irrigators' rights to water.

The irrigators then turned to Oregon state courts. They convinced a state court to order the Oregon Water Resources Department to enforce state water rights, even if that meant violating the ESA. In 2021, the Oregon Department issued an order prohibiting the Bureau of Reclamation from releasing water to the Klamath River to sustain salmon that are on the Endangered Species Act. That order led instantly

to this litigation.

The United States, joined by the Yurok Tribe, Pacific Coast Federation of Fishermen's Associations, and Institute for Fisheries Resources, asked the federal district court in San Francisco to rule on which laws take precedent. Today, the federal court invalidated that state agency order and ruled that the Oregon order "conflicts with the ESA, at least because it poses an obstacle to the accomplishment and execution of Congress's purpose and objective in enacting the ESA: protecting and restoring endangered species."

"This decision helps bring peace and resolution to the Klamath Basin by clarifying the interplay of federal and state laws as applied to the Klamath project," noted Yurok attorney Amy Cordalis, also a Tribal member.

"This is a major victory for salmon and all the people who depend on salmon for their cultures and livelihoods," said Glen Spain, for the Pacific Coast Federation of Fishermen's Associations (PCFFA) and the Institute for Fisheries Resources (IFR), both co-Plaintiffs in the lawsuit. "But really it just reaffirms the existing 'Law of the River' that state water rights cannot be used to block the water needs of ESA-listed fish."

This ruling comes as work to remove four dams on the Klamath River begins. "Dam removal will provide a much-needed boost to salmon runs, but the fish still need water," concludes Myers.

Miramontes & Trinidad Sworn In

Yurok Chief Justice Abby Abinanti swears in Representatives for Family Wellness Court Cases



(left) Joel Campbell Blair Del Norte County Counsel, Yurok Chief Justice Abby Abinanti, Legal Secretary Nikole Trinidad, Deputy County Counsel Edwin Aguilar Miramontes, and Assistant County Council Jacqueline Roberts.

This photo was taken after Yurok Chief Justice Abby Abinanti swore in Deputy County Counsel Edwin Aguilar Miramontes and Legal Secretary Nikole Trinidad. Also featured in the photos is Assistant County Council Jacqueline Roberts, who passed the Yurok Bar last year. Representatives from the Yurok Office of the Tribal Attorney and the county often collaborate on the resolution of Joint Family Wellness Court cases. Presided over by Judge Abinanti and Judge Darren McElfresh, the Family Wellness Court aims to help families break the cycle of addiction. For more information about the Wellness Court - <https://www.courts.ca.gov/documents/BTB25-2E-06.pdf>

Tribe Opens Office in Willow Creek

Office will make services more accessible in Willow Creek/Hoopa area



(left) Phillip Williams North District Representative, Sherri Provolt Orick District Representative, Joseph L. James Chairman, Wes Crawford East District Representative, Frankie Joe Myers Vice Chairman, Ryan Ray Requa District Representative, Toby Vanlandingham Weitchpec District Representative.

On February 22, the Yurok Tribe celebrated the grand opening of the newly renovated 5,715 square foot Willow Creek Tribal Office (formerly Umpqua Bank) in Willow Creek.

The upgraded facility now has several offices and a space for the Yurok Tribal Council to conduct public meetings. In fact, the Yurok Tribal Council held its first meeting in the building on the day of the grand opening. The East District Representative on the Yurok Tribal Council will also have an office in the facility. Additionally, the building will house staff from Yurok Health & Human Services (YHHS), Fiscal, Insurance, Council Operations and the Office of the Tribal Attorney (OTA).

The Willow Creek Tribal Office will benefit hundreds of Yurok families and tribal employees who live in Willow Creek and nearby Hoopa. Currently, Yurok citizens in this area have to travel more than 40 miles on a narrow road to Weitchpec to enroll in tribal services and programs. The Tribe provides a wide variety of educational, social and housing-related services to its members.

The Yurok Planning and Community Development Department

developed the design for the building renovation. The Yurok Tribe's Per-geesh Construction managed the project contract, budget and schedule. The project included a complete overhaul of the building's interior and some minor work on the exterior enhancing the abundance of natural light, both of which look amazing.

Last summer, the Yurok Tribe Construction Corporation purchased the Big Foot Golf Course and Country Club in Willow Creek. The Tribe is currently renovating the golf course property too. for children and youth. Administered by the California Department of Healthcare Services' Behavioral Health Continuum Infrastructure Program and part of Governor Newsom's Master Plan for Kids' Mental Health, this "historic investment provides grant funding to construct new facilities and expand existing facilities that help children, youth, transition-age youth, and perinatal individuals with a mental health and/or substance use disorder."



(left) Frankie Joe Myers Vice Chairman, Wes Crawford East District Representative, Laura Borden previous East District Representative, Lori Hodge previous East District Representative, Joseph L. James Chairman.

Tribe Joins Redwood Coast Energy Authority

Tribe, RCEA aim to increase access to clean, renewable energy



Frankie Myers, Yurok Tribe Vice Chairman

The Yurok Tribe is the first sovereign tribal government to become a member of the Redwood Coast Energy Authority.

“We joined RCEA because its mission to implement initiatives that increase access to affordable, clean energy aligns with our core values,” said Yurok Vice Chairman Frankie Myers. “As an RCEA member, the Tribe will be able to participate at the government-to-government level in the planning and development of long-term renewable energy projects. We strongly believe the transition to sustainable energy sources is essential to the long-term health and prosperity of our community.”

“It is exciting to have the Yurok Tribe joining RCEA,” said RCEA Executive Director Matthew Marshall. “Over RCEA’s 20 years of serving Humboldt County we’ve worked with the Tribe on many projects, and we are very much looking forward to building on that relationship and having Tribal representation on our governing board.”

RCEA’s Board of Directors and the Yurok Tribal Council passed separate resolutions approving a joint powers agreement, which made the Tribe an agency member. “The Yurok Tribe wishes to provide input on the development of secure, sustainable, clean, and affordable energy resources, and participate as a stakeholder,” according to the Yurok resolution.

The Redwood Coast Energy Authority is a local government Joint Powers Agency. The agency was established to develop and implement sustainable energy initiatives that reduce energy demand, increase energy efficiency, and advance the use of clean, efficient and renewable resources available in the region. RCEA members include: the County of Humboldt; the Cities of Arcata, Blue Lake, Eureka, Ferndale, Fortuna, Rio Dell, and Trinidad; and the Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District and the Yurok Tribe.

Yurok Vice Chairman Frankie Myers will represent the Tribe on the RCEA’s Board of Directors. Vice Chairman Myers has decades of experience in natural resources management, community development and cultural preservation. In addition to serving on the Yurok Tribal Council, he is the president of the Prey-go-neesh Construction Corporation, which performs infrastructure-building projects all over the United States. He is also leading the Tribe’s effort to equitably engage in the prospective floating offshore wind energy projects along California’s North Coast.

Last December, the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) auctioned the development rights to 130,000 acres off the Humboldt coast for offshore wind energy production. Earlier this month, the Yurok Tribe, Cal Poly Humboldt and College of the Redwoods announced plans to prepare a local workforce to take advantage of future jobs in the new industry. This unique collaboration provides potential floating offshore wind developers an opportunity to support local workforce training.

Yurok Citizen Starts Trucking Company

Tribe supports development of Yurok-owned business



Yurok citizen Joseph Marrufo's

At the beginning of the pandemic, Yurok citizen Joseph Marrufo's life slowed down for the first time in years. With extra time, he started plotting the next phase in his career.

With help from the Yurok Alliance CDFI and others, Marrufo decided to start a trucking company in 2020 after 30 years as a journeyman roofer. The story behind the successful Marrufo Trucking Company is one of inspiration, determination and recovery.

"I am a person who continually thinks of how I can better myself, my family and my community, so we decided to start Joseph Marrufo Trucking Company," Marrufo said.

Although, the COVID-19 pandemic hit the world hard, especially Indian Country, the Marrufo family was able to turn a negative into a positive. Marrufo was determined to contribute more to his family's and community's financial security.

To begin building business, he contacted Bay Area's Double D Transportation, which is one of the largest trucking companies in Northern California. At the time, Double D Transportation had

been working on fire cleanup for about four months in Butte County. They didn't have a truck available for him to drive, but they had work for him to do if he had his own truck. The door was open just a crack. Contemplating what to do, he began looking for a 10-wheel dump truck to rent. He searched everywhere before settling on a piece of equipment from United Rentals. They charged \$5,400 to rent the truck for a month. Not having much startup money accumulated, he decided to contact his adoptive mom whom he met while he was working on his recovery and she lent him money to rent the truck for a month. The tribally owned trucking business was born.

"She took a chance on me and everything started falling into place and started connecting," said Marrufo. "My wife is a huge part of this story too because she did all of my paperwork from insurance forms

to business licenses and the financial side of things. It's been an amazing ride."

Marrufo drove to Chico to rent the dump truck and decided to find a NA meeting to attend while in town. At the meeting, he met a friend who agreed to help him by driving his car, while he drove the dump truck to the Barry Creek job site. Having nowhere to stay, Marrufo slept in his car in close proximity to his job site, but not everyone was okay with him staying on their property. He finally was welcomed by a local church, which gave him permission to stay in their parking lot. He stayed there for 8 months sleeping in his Mazda 6 with his dump truck nearby. Marrufo woke up every day, went to work and never complained about his situation.

As the sole driver, Marrufo often worked 17 hours a day and by sleeping in his car he was able to not only save money he was able to pay back his initial loan and continue renting the truck from month to month. Staying 7-8 hours from home, it was difficult to be away from his family, but he stayed in contact over the phone.

“During that time, I learned that I could apply for a business loan through the Yurok Economic Development Corporation’s The Yurok CDFI. I applied for a first-time business loan and Sarah Barber from Alliance was a huge help and is a great resource for our Tribal community. She’s very knowledgeable in business,” said Marrufo.

He received a seven-year business loan and purchased his own dump truck. Within one year he was able to pay off the loan.

“This is a business I want to be able to pass down and create generational stability for my family, while providing a service to my Tribe and surrounding community,” added Marrufo. “It’s not about the money or getting rich, it’s about supporting my family, showing my boys good work ethic and instilling in them that they can do anything if they set their mind to it.”

Marrufo has been on the road to recovery for a long time and currently has 6 years clean and sober and his wife has been in recovery for 23 years. His mother is from Weitchpec but he and his wife grew up just outside of Seattle and they met there at a meeting they both attended while working on their recovery. They have had their bumps in the road just like any other working couple. They both have been around recovery fellowship for many years.

Once they moved to Crescent City in 2013, where they lived only five minutes from Pelican Bay Prison, Kathy began working at the correctional facility helping other recovering addicts in state custody. Around the same time Marrufo, with the help of the Yurok Tribe and Northern California Indian Development Council (NCIDC), went to trucking School in Redding and received his Class A Operators License.

Marrufo did long hauling for a little while after he received his class A. He drove from Smith River all the way to LA and then to Eureka. He then began working for the Yurok Watershed Restoration and Roads Program, Yurok Tribe Construction Corporation and Yurok Fisheries Department, which offered in an opportunity for him to drive their Day Cab and End Dump Trailer for projects on the Trinity and Sacramento Rivers.

“Working for the watershed gave me more experience that I really needed,” said Marrufo.

Currently, Marrufo is working on the Oregon Gulch project. For the project, truck drivers and heavy equipment operators moved more than 500,000 cubic yards or 1.2 billion pounds of gold mining waste to make way for the largest-ever river restoration project on the Trinity River. Once complete, the project will provide optimal habitat for juvenile salmon and steelhead as well as bring a 200-acre river valley back to life.

To date, Marrufo and his family have operated the business for three years and they don’t plan on slowing down anytime soon. After purchasing his second truck, a Day Cab, he will be ready to hire an employee and then move on to adding an End Dump Trailer to his business.

“Everyone has been so amazing and supportive. I would like to thank Sarah, my tribal community, The Alliance CDFI and the Yurok Tribal Council, for all of the encouragement through this whole process and the endless support from my family. I spend a lot of time away from my family and they are so supportive. My hopes are that by sharing our family's story within the tribal community, other tribal members will be inspired to follow their dreams as well,” concluded Marrufo.

Outside of work Marrufo enjoys spending time with his beautiful family and participating in many culturally related activities such as artwork designs, carving, painting, fishing, eeling, hunting, and working with other recovering addicts.

If you are need of trucking services, please feel free to reach out to:

Joseph Maruffo Trucking Co.
Crescent City, CA
(707) 951-8424



“Even our youngest members enjoy the newspaper.”- Raelynn Birchell, who is the Great Great granddaughter of William Warren Willson of Weitchpec

2023 MMIP DAY OF ACTION



(Left) Sofia Myers, Phyre Sanchez, Kinehstan Lewis and Yurok Chairman Joseph L. James



Taralyn Ipiña, Yurok Tribe Chief Operations Officer



(left) Tribal members Irene Willson, Teresa Willson, Billee Lynn Willson, and Patrick Willson



Gus Bibancos and Candace Frank Guerrero

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(Left) Sofia Myers, Phyre Sanchez, Kinehstan Lewis and alCalifornia Assemblymember James C. Ramos



Indigenous Justice Executive Director Morning Star Gali



Yurok Tribal Police Chief Greg O'Rourke



(Left) Sofia Myers, Phyre Sanchez, Kinehstan Lewis and Marlena Alva, sister of Jessica Alva

Yurok Housing Authority Receives \$568k

Yurok Indian Housing Authority awarded grant for Homeless Services

The Yurok Indian Housing Authority (YIHA) has been awarded a \$568,808.80 grant from the California Interagency Council on Homelessness (Cal ICH) to offer a variety of services and interventions that will assist homeless Yurok Tribal members in identifying permanent, affordable and culturally appropriate housing. YIHA will also use the funds to provide rapid rehousing, transportation and life-skill trainings as well as to perform outreach and case management.

“These are much needed and essential services that will offer a balance of personalized support and training, while at the same time, maintain cultural awareness and traditional values for our homeless Yurok Tribal members,” said Rachel Dowd Yurok Indian Housing Authority Program Operations Director.

In addition to housing the homeless, this new program will also offer assistance to Yurok Tribal Youth ages 12-24. YIHA staff will contract with local cultural mentors to guide youth for a one-day training that may cover the following skills: daily life skills, job skills, employment applications, resume building, budgeting and overcoming potential challenges. The program will be designed to demonstrate the importance of culture and traditional ways, while living in two worlds, the traditional and non-traditional. Each training will include a cultural component where Yurok youth will learn and have the opportunity to participate in a cultural Yurok tradition.

“The Yurok Indian Housing Authority, with assistance from the Cal ICH grant award, will aim to bridge the gap between the needs of our unsheltered/homeless tribal members by identifying the barriers preventing them from obtaining permanent housing,” added Rachel Dowd YIHA Program Operations Director. “Increasing our available staffing and resources will allow us to work on a one-on-one basis with our tribal members to develop an action plan and goals to assist with obtaining long term affordable housing.”

Yurok Tribal members who are currently experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness are eligible to participate in the program services.

Once the funding is received by YIHA, staff will work diligently to implement program services.

Rachel Dowd YIHA Program Operations Director for YIHA wrote the California Interagency Council on Homelessness (Cal ICH) grant

and this was the first grant that she has written. Dowd is a Yurok Tribal Member and has always resided within Yurok Ancestral Territory. She graduated from Humboldt State University/Cal Poly Humboldt in 2011 with her BA. She is a mother of three children who are also enrolled Yurok Tribal Members. Dowd values her culture and language and has worked to ensure that those are priorities for her children.

“My long term goal is to continue working for the Yurok people and help improve Yurok communities for our children and families,” said Dowd.

Beginning her career with YIHA as a Board Commissioner in 2015, after a year and a half, she accepted a full-time position as a regular YIHA employee. She has served as the Program Operations Director for the past six years. Dowd oversees the following programs: low rent units, down payment assistance, student assistance, elder rehabilitation/replacement, elder emergency assistance, and a few additional programs.

“Helping tribal members find safe, affordable, permanent housing and often times becoming homeowners is the most rewarding part of the job,” concluded Dowd.

*The State of California’s Business Consumer Services and Housing Agency’s (BCSH) administers the California Interagency Council on Homelessness.



Adalynn Chuechesh Bighead at the MMIP Day of Action

Tribe, Marshals Service Form MMIP Partnership

Yurok Tribe is the first pilot location for the US Marshals Service to examine safety issues



(Back) U.S. Marshals Southwest Region Chief, Sex Offender Investigations Branch James Nolan, USMS Senior Policy Advisor Lori McPherson, (Acting) U.S. Marshal, ND/CA Mark Kolc, Yurok Prosecutor Rosemary Deck, Yurok Deputy Prosecutor Brie Bennet, USMS Assistant Chief Deputy U.S. Marshal ND/CA Francesca Reckley, Deputy U.S. Marshal Chris Poitra, (Front) Supervisory Deputy U.S. Marshal Ivan Peric, Deputy U.S. Marshal Lucas Berger, Yurok Tribal Police Chief Greg O'Rourke and YTPD Lieutenant Jacob Morris.

WASHINGTON -- Yurok Tribe in northern California has been selected as the first pilot location for the U.S. Marshals Service Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons Initiative, as part of the agency's plans to develop tribally-led collaborative partnerships to proactively examine public safety issues – particularly those involving missing endangered children.

Utilizing virtual and in-person meetings beginning in January 2023, the initiative brings together personnel from Yurok Tribe and United States Marshals Service to share information, identify goals, and develop strategies for improving public safety for Yurok Tribe, its members, and the broader community.

"It is my sincere hope that by dedicating resources in Indian Country and partnering with the Yurok Tribe, U.S. Marshals will help address the problem of missing children from the Yurok Tribe and assist with other public safety initiatives, such as ensuring that registered sex offenders in the area are compliant with their statutory requirements," said U.S. Marshals Service Director Ronald L. Davis. "We are fully committed to supporting the Yurok Tribe's efforts to keep their communities safe."

"The Yurok Tribe is extremely grateful to partner with the US Marshals Service on this important and timely initiative," said Joseph L. James, the Chairman of the Yurok Tribe. "The knowledge and tools we will gain from this unique partnership will significantly increase our capacity to keep our community safe."

The Initiative may involve a wide range of activities, depending on the priorities of the Tribe. These may include training on missing child investigations, investigative support for Yurok Tribal Law Enforcement, data analysis, public outreach, or other efforts with the USMS Sex Offender Investigations Branch, regional missing child coordinator and local deputy U.S. marshals.

Tribal and USMS personnel recently met to discuss the newly formed partnership and potential collaborations on projects pertaining to sex offender registration and enforcement, missing children and fugitives from justice. After the in-person meeting, USMS connected the Tribe with staff from other Department of Justice components, including the Office of Justice Programs, the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services, and the Office on Violence Against Women. As a result of the partnership with USMS, the Tribe has also met with representatives from NamUs (National Missing and Unidentified Persons System) and the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children.

Yurok Tribe is a leader on criminal justice issues in Indian Country and has done specific work on the issue of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons. USMS personnel attended a Violence Against Women Act roundtable meeting in late September 2022 attended by Yurok Tribal Court Judge Abby Abinanti, who provided valuable feedback about the MMIP Initiative that USMS was already planning. USMS personnel then attended the 1st Annual Northern California Tribal Policy Summit on Missing and Murdered Indigenous People, hosted by Yurok Tribe, and had the opportunity to interact with Yurok Tribe personnel about their ongoing efforts. The longstanding work of Yurok Tribe, combined with these newly-forged relationships, led to the selection of Yurok Tribe as the first pilot site.





HOW CAN WE HELP?




The Yurok Tribe Supports Its Members

The Yurok Tribe offers a wide range of services to support our members. Whether you're looking for educational opportunities, health and wellness resources, or cultural events, we have something for everyone. We are committed to providing our members with the tools and resources they need to thrive. If you have any questions or would like to learn more about our services, please don't hesitate to reach out to the specific contact of the service.

Over the next few months, we will including a list of services offered by the Tribe's departments and other Yurok-affiliated entities. You may also view the document on the Yurok Tribe's website.

YUROK TRIBE LIST OF SERVICES – Alliance CDFI

DEBT CONSOLIDATION AND SMALL BUSINESS LOANS

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DEADLINE: NONE
AS LONG AS THERE IS FUNDING

DESCRIPTION


Debt Consolidation for Tribal Members only, Small Business for Tribal members or others that have a business on the reservation or that provides services to tribal members. Loan applications are approved based on income, credit history, credit score, debt to income ratio and purpose of loan funds.

ELIGIBILITY

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YUROK TRIBE LIST OF SERVICES – COURT

BATTERERS INTERVENTION PROGRAM

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DEADLINE: NONE

DESCRIPTION

52-week State Certified Batterers Intervention program. Classes are provided online.

ELIGIBILITY

Men and Women that have domestic violence offenses through Del Norte County probation.

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Obituary

Glen Roberts



Glen Roberts passed away peacefully on February 9, 2023 with his loving wife Bonny Roberts by his side. Glen was born on May 7, 1935 in Hoopa, CA to Sherman and Marie Roberts. He was a proud member of the Yurok Tribe with ancestral ties to the Village of Wasek. In his first years, he received loving care from his Grandparents Wasek Bob and Maggie. His grandfather was Headman of the Wasek Village. Glen's father, Bob Roberts graduated from Haskell Indian College. He then moved to Tulsa, OK. where he met his wife, Marie Brannon. Marie came to speak the Yurok language fluently and was a hard worker who farmed, canned, and was a great cook. Together Sherman and Marie moved to Martins Ferry and had six children: Kenneth, Ruth Evelyn, Helen, Glen, Wilma and Wesley.

Glen is survived by his loving wife Bonny Marshall Roberts. They were married for 67 adventurous and loving years. They were best friends and barely spent time apart from one another. He will forever be cherished and remembered by his children; son Bob Roberts and wife Becky Roberts, grandchildren Byron Roberts and Derek Roberts, daughter Robin Roberts and granddaughter Linnea Jackson, and his son Russ Roberts. He is survived by his loving sister Wilma Roberts, sister in-law Linda Roberts and God-granddaughter LeMonie Hutt. He also leaves a special friend of note Grumpy Fountain.

Glen attended a one room schoolhouse in Martins Ferry (near Wasek Village). He kept busy with fishing, hunting, hiking and doing chores in his middle school years. He actively participated in high school sports and graduated from Hoopa High School in 1953. He developed a life-long passion for competitive sports.

After graduating from Hoopa High School, he married the love of his life Bonny Marshall Roberts. Together they lived in Martins Ferry while Glen worked construction and timber jobs. One day, a government agent from the Bureau of Indian Affairs arrived at their door to recruit Glen into the Indian Relocation Program. Glen and Bonny and their children moved to Chicago, IL. Glen attended Greer Technical School where he received accreditation as an auto mechanic and a body and fender mechanic.

They moved back to the West Coast and settled in Redding, CA. In 1962, Glen found a new career specializing in tile setting. As a perfectionist with an eye for design, he soon became a master craftsman in his profession. These were exciting times, with projects ranging from beautiful high-end homes to commercial projects, including hospitals, schools and offices. His expertise took him and his crew across America completing over 20 Holiday Inn projects that entailed marble entries, pillars and pools. Traveling across the country, Glen made sure that his family and employees saw the sites, local monuments and tasted the local cuisines. Granddaughter Linnea, travelled every summer with her Nana and Papa seeing every amusement park, zoo and museum which greatly enriched her life. In 1989, Glen opened his own business, Pacific Coast Ceramic Tile and Floor Covering in Crescent City, CA. With the partnership of his wife Bonny and son Russ, the business was a great success, completing hundreds of residential and commercial works throughout Northern California and Southern Oregon, including Pelican Bay Prison. After working for decades of non-stop jobs, Glen's health began to deteriorate, and it was time to retire.

Throughout Glen's career, there were countless nephew, nieces, extended family and friends that Glen taught the value of hard work. Many were trained by Glen and took up the trade. If you know Glen, then you know how much he loved sports. He was an avid fan of the San Francisco 49ers, San Francisco Giants and the Golden State Warriors. He often went to professional games with his family. He supported his son Bob Roberts and nephew Lyle Marshall as wrestlers throughout their high school career. He hit softballs to his daughter Robin every night which taught her the art of precision and hard work. Both Linnea and Robin played on Alaska State Championship

softball teams. His number one sport was basketball. In the early years of Indian Basketball, Glen was the Manager and Coach of the North State Hawks. The Hawks travelled throughout Indian Country playing the tournaments. Glen coached his son Russ's basketball team that competed in the Word of Life Tournaments that climbed the brackets to New York City. He also coached the Hoopa High JV Girls team. Another success stories was coaching and promoting his nephew Joseph Hutt all the way to the pro leagues.

Glen traveled throughout his life visiting his children all across the country. Glen and Bonny visited their son Bob in Oregon, Washington, Montana, Colorado, Idaho. He also visited his daughter and granddaughter in Alaska many times to enjoy hockey and the Great Alaska Shootout. They took many trips to the Bay Area to visit their son Russ and attend their favorite sporting events.

Glen was a voracious reader. Utilizing his artistic eye and tile carving skills, he enjoyed making native jewelry, abalone inlaid pipes, abalone salmon carvings and regalia.

Glen was known as a disciplined and fierce worker with a strong work ethic who believed in doing things right. Glen enjoyed hunting, especially with his son Bob in Idaho and the Risling and Fountain Families throughout his life. He loved boating and spent many years on the lakes.

After retirement, he fished the Klamath River, providing gourmet salmon, smoked and canned for his family. Many of those years, he was joined by nephew Sport Surber Jr. sharing his vast knowledge of the Klamath River, traditional fishing culture and history. Glen taught many of his family members and friends how to fish, fillet and smoke salmon.

Glen was a real Uncle, he provided training, employment, help, coaching and life-skills. He offered good advice, wisdom and history. He was generous and shared many adventures, which included sporting events, dinners out, travel, water skiing, fishing and hunting. He included his nieces and nephews, too numerous to name, throughout his life.

Glen served on the Yurok Indian Housing Board for ten years, bringing with him a determination to be viewed ethically by the eyes of the public, as well as a constant reminder to follow Yurok policy. He was very proud of the time dedicated to this endeavor.

Glen Roberts had an unforgettable personality. He was quick witted, stern, well read and knowledgeable on any subject. He was a generous man to his entire family. His legacy will carry on forever reminding us to take responsibility, finish the job and do it well.

Glen was preceded in death by his great grandmother Mollie Kimeche, grandfather Wasek Bob Kimeche Roberts, grandmother Maggie Preston Roberts, Father Sherman Roberts, Mother Marie Brannon Roberts, Brother Kenneth Roberts and his wife Betty Faye Roberts, Sister Ruth Evelyn Roberts, Brother Harold Wesley Roberts and Sister Helen Roberts Pole.

His memory lives on with his entire family, numerous nieces and

nephews, great nieces and nephews and many dear friends.

Pallbearers:

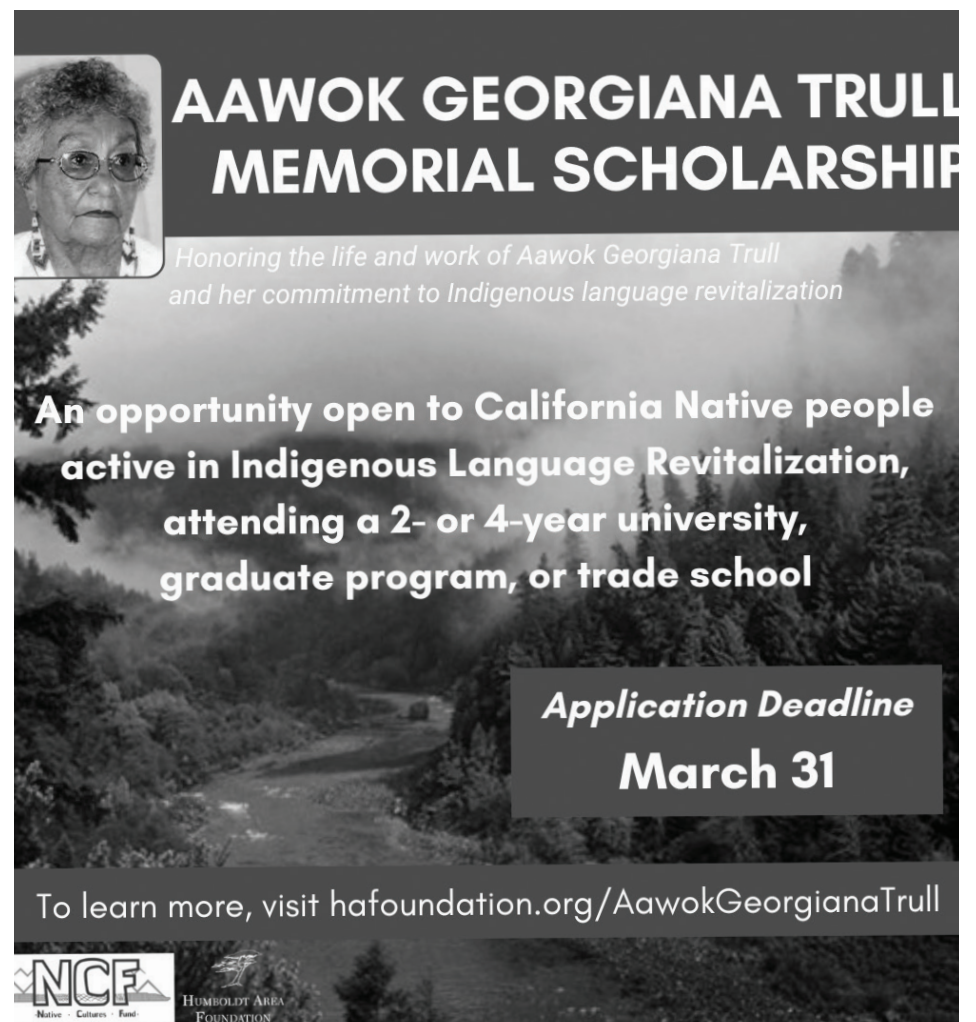
Clifford Marshall, Buck McCovey, Adam Allen, Jordan Hailey, Justin Hutt, Roman Hutt, Sport Surber Jr. and Douglas Risling

Honorary Pallbearers:

Lyle McKinnon, Robert Kinney, David Gensaw, Carlton Pole, Jeff Pole, Cynde Buford, Korie Bartnik, Carol Rutledge, Weldon Hailey, Mark Hailey, Wesley Hutt, Joseph Hutt, Baron Risling, Dale Risling, Gary Risling, Leslie Risling Jr., Mike Nipar, Lyle Marshall, Steve Baldy, Jack Jackson, Ed Moore, Gregory Moon, Neil Moon and Joe Davis

Service Announcement:

The service will be held at the Neighborhood Facilities (NF) on Friday, February 17, 2023 at 11 AM. Interment will be held at the Wasek Village Cemetery. Directly followed by a Reception at Yurok Community Center in Weitchpec, CA.



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