



Lucille Marilynn Phair Spencer

October 18, 1948 - January 29, 2024

Lucille Marilynn Phair Spencer, traditional name “Eso’lic,” age 75, of Lummi Nation, passed away January 29, 2024. Luci was born October 18, 1948. Luci was baptized in Latter-Day Saints church while attending high school. She was sent to the Latter Day Saints student placement program with a Mormon church family in Utah.

She completed high school in Utah, then continued her education at Brigham University in Utah receiving her BA degree. Upon returning home, she began working for the Lummi Social Services program and participated in an internship that prepared her to enter Antioch University, where she completed her master’s

degree in social work.

She then went on to work for the Washington State Indian Unit in Yakama and stayed there for 15 years. She then transferred back to Bellingham DSHS in the Children Indian Unit. She had numerous other jobs including grant writing, high school teacher, and worked a furniture factory. Luci worked tirelessly to protect tribal families, to keep their children safe at all costs. She worked her final years with the Mt. Vernon Indian Unit until retirement.

She was honored for all her dedication to protect Indian children from getting lost in the system.

After her retirement, she began doing the craft of sewing and making beautiful items to share with her friends and relatives.

She was one that was truly gifted with many traditional ways that she shared with friends and family. Luci loved traditional foods, gathering berries and enjoyed baking pies. Luci was the matriarch of her family and will be remembered for her kindness,

and beautiful smile. She will be dearly missed and will live on in our hearts and memories.

Luci is survived by son Maurice Allen Phair, siblings Clarence, Sheila, Diane, and Cynthia Phair, and numerous grandchildren, nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by her husband Richard "Butch" Spencer, parents Rosemary Scott Phair and Sidney Charles Phair Sr., siblings Sydney, Gerald, Wanda, and Marcy Phair.

Tribute Wall

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“ *RIP Lucy..it was a pleasure to know you...I will miss you but will never forget your kind and gentle spirit..travel well..the as the ancestors are awaiting your arrival...hoyte..till we meet again.*

Darlene Olsen - February 06, 2024 at 12:00 AM