



Reginald Rusty Gilbert Wilson

April 26, 1927 - February 27, 2015

Reginald Gilbert Wilson passed away peacefully on February 27, 2015, surrounded by loving family and friends. Everybody that knew him called him “Rusty”.

Rusty was born to Charles and Sarah Wilson (nee Williams) in Campbell River, B.C. on April 26, 1927. He was one of thirteen children.

Rusty was a proud member of the Lummi tribe and Cape Mudge Nation. He was a Canadian Residential school survivor and attended the University of British Columbia.

In 1951 Rusty joined the U.S. Army as part of the 101st Airborne Division, he served during the Korean War. While stationed in Fort Benning, Georgia, he met the love of his life, Mable Toole and they were married shortly afterward. They were blessed with eight children Curtis, Charles, Sarah, Lee, Tony, Mable, Lisa and Regina.

In 1969, Rusty moved the family to Bellingham, Washington. His career included working as a union electrician in the IBEW in Georgia and out of the Bellingham and Everett locals. He was also a treaty fisherman for many years.

Bingo was one of Rusty’s favorite pastimes and his nickname was “Chief

Waiting on One”

Many people were blessed to know him as he had a warm heart, a kind sense of humor and an open house that welcomed everyone. Rusty had 24 grandchildren and 40 great-grandchildren that he loved very much and was very proud of. He will be deeply missed by all that knew him and his stories will live on! Thank you to the staff at Whatcom Hospice for making his final days comfortable.

Services will be held on March 5 at 6:00 and Friday March 6 at 10:00 am at the Wexlium Community building.

Tribute Wall

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“ *God made men like Rusty for people like us to remember. JMM*

John Metz - February 27, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Rusty was always never far from my mind always. He was one of my teachers at a young age in the electrical industry. I was always impressed how he helped to lead us all in a still young but growing field of new science. JMM*

John Metz - February 27, 2015 at 12:00 AM