



Roque Angeles "Rook" Tapuro Jr.

August 19, 1969 - November 3, 2023

In Loving Memory of Roque "Rook" Tapuro Jr

Roque "Rook" Tapuro Jr was born on August 19, 1969, to Alice Williams-Greene and Roque Tapuro Sr. Rook's sunset was on November 3, 2023. Rook was married to Prudence "Nikki" Tapuro in 2017, they spend 18 beautiful years together. Rook was a father to Valencia Tapuro, Angeles Tapuro, Alex Arthur, Angel Shaquanie, Lindsey Shaquanie, and Hayley Loomis. He was enrolled in the Lummi Nation Tribe. He grew up in Seattle, WA, he made his way to Lummi when he was a teenager. He lived to be a fisherman, crabber, and a diver. He loved being on the Salish Sea. He was a son, father, papa, nephew, uncle, and friend.

Papa Rook was always a loving papa to his grandchildren. He loved his grandchildren to pieces. He would capture pictures of his grandchildren every chance he would get. Rook was always teasing his loved ones. He loved to joke around and loved to hear people laugh. Rook was a gentle humble human being. Rook was outgoing and was always just friendly with everyone. He is such a kind person he would talk with strangers next to him at a slot machine. Rook was always very generous and never selfish. Rook wasn't ever an angry person; he was always a big strong teddy bear with a sensitive

heart and most importantly he was and will always be a mama's boy.

Rook loved golfing every day, he would spend 4 or 5 hours golfing even right after getting off the boat. He loved playing the guitar. He would travel with the love of his life Nikki. They would travel to California, Vegas, Reno, and San Diego and loved to venture off into Red Wood Forest. Rook loved to go to the casino's all along I-5. He loved being a fisherman. He owns 4 big boats, and one skiff. He had a vehicle for every boat. He liked to watch sports and being loud. He traveled on the pow wow trail with his family when he was younger.

During his younger days, the party would be at grandma Jinx's on Kinley Way when he would come up from Seattle to visit with all his cousin's Steve, Ron Jr. Darren O and Chris.

Rook will always be remembered for just being him. Nikki's favorite memories are "Everything. I loved him, I loved looking at him and she admired him by staring at his handsome face. He was so much fun to be around, he was my comfort and my safest person. My husband was such a caring person. It was fun to sit and just watch him golf or to be on the boat. He would always have random trips and tell me to get us a bag ready to go to the casino or go on a road trips." He will always be remembered by being a willing man and always wanted to help anyone, he didn't have a mean bone in his body, and was such a caring person.

Alex's favorite memory of his dad was "being picked up from Lapwai on his little red Honda and we had to squeeze in the back of it all the way to Lummi."

Valenica”s favorite memory of her dad was “at my high school graduation dinner, my dad had to borrow Alex’s white shirt. We were having Indian Tacos, then he split his whole taco all over the white shirt. Alex was like aww man my shirt.” We all laughed. Angeles favorite memory of his dad was “the one time he took me out on his boat to watch him go diving, I need to go to the bathroom and the guys on the boat was telling me to pee overboard, but I didn’t want to pee on my dad.”

Rook is survived by his beautiful wife Prudence Nicole Tapuro “Nikki,” Dad Roque Tapuro SR. Children Valencia Tapuro, Angeles Tapuro, Alex Arthur, Angel Shaquanie, Lindsey Shaquanie, and Hayley Loomis. Siblings Julieann Solomon and Jacqueline Solomon. Grandchildren DeAndre James, Celestine James, Ella James, Evaron James, Anton Arthur, Amaya Arthur, Julee Cultee, Lahayla Cultee, Tori Olsen, and Aubrey Olsen, numerous aunties, uncles, cousins, nieces, and nephews.

He is preceded in Death on his maternal side; mom Alice Williams-Greene, Grandmother Virginia Williams, Grandfather Dean O Williams, Uncles Dean L Williams, Virgil Williams George Williams. Paternal side; Grandmother Ruth (Rose) Whitley, Grandfather Roque A Tapuro. Sisters-in-law Belinda Ward and Billie Solomon.

There will be a celebration of life for Roque at 10:00am on Thursday, November 9th at Moles Greenacres, 5700 Northwest Drive, Ferndale.

Tribute Wall



“ *Never forgotten and loved by many....a genuinely kind and sincere friend and family member....you will be missed.*

Darlene Olsen - November 09, 2023 at 12:00 AM