



## Burley Quoetone

June 28, 1921 - October 29, 2007

Burley Evens Quoetone, Goonkinny (Longhorn), Kiowa Elder and World War II Veteran Walks On

October 29, 2007 Burley Evens Quoetone, 86, (Goonkinny) an Elder of the Kiowa Tribe passed away surrounded by his loved ones in Albany, Oregon his home for the last 14 years. Burley's grandson Colin sang his Gourd Song and Veterans Song as he left. Burley leaves behind his beloved wife Pam (Pemberton) Quoetone, children Lanny (Jackie) of Reno, NV, Robert of Pleasant Grove, CA, Yvonne of Woodbury, MN, Matt (Barbara) of Lake Tahoe, CA, Chris (Shirley) of Pine Center, MN, Celeste of Aptos, CA, Ann (Randy) of Marysville, CA, Anita (Darren) of Albany, OR, and Joseph of Carson City, NV, and adopted son Paul Kirkwood, twenty-three grandchildren, nineteen great-grandchildren, numerous nieces and nephews in Oklahoma and Minnesota, special niece Carmelita Wahnee and special friends Ella Fay Horse, Ken and Donna Folven.

Burley was born June 28, 1921 at the Quoetone Family Farm in Sedan, Oklahoma. Burley was the son of Horace and Mabel (Longhorn) Quoetone, grandson of Jimmy and Baco Quoetone and great grandson of Satiente. He was preceded in death by his brother Jack Quoetone, sisters Blossom Quoetone, Nona Koopahsa, in-laws Irene and Jack Clark, Willis and Inez Erion, Dallas Pemberton, John Pemberton Jr., Gordon Pemberton, Norman Pemberton, Donald Pemberton, Roberta Hudson, Nancy Schramm and special niece Arlene Dearing. He is survived by sister and sisters-in-law Rita

Gaddy, Jane Pemberton and Carol Coombes.

Burley spent his early years in the shadow of Longhorn Mountain and in the Kiowa Camp at Fort Sill in Lawton, Oklahoma being raised in the traditional Kiowa traditions. Burley was a fluent Kiowa speaker, member of the Kiowa Gourd Clan, Kiowa Blackleggings Society, Comanche War Veterans Society and Tienpei Society. Burly was a graduate of Fort Sill Indian School and Haskell Junior College. Burley served in the Army in World War II in the South Pacific and was missing in action for a short time during the battle for Leyteye. Burley retired from IBM in San Jose, CA after 27 years of service. During Burley's time in San Jose he founded the Drum and Feathers Singers and Dance Group, was the first master of ceremonies for the Stanford University pow wow and taught many of the San Francisco American Indian resident's traditional singing and dancing. Burley enjoyed traveling to the National Indian Education Conferences and was asked to pray at NIEA Nashville banquet and pow wow. When his grandson, retired Air Force Sgt. Gerry Novack, was stationed at Tinker Air Force Base and when his unit served in Desert Storm Burley and Pam acted as grandparents to the whole unit praying, visiting and welcoming them into their home.

Memorial Service will be held at 2:00 pm Sunday November 4th at Mt. Scott Church. A Celebration of Life will be at 2:00 pm December 1st at Oak Hill Cemetery.