

Soldier, KS



Dan “Ke-so-kwah” McKinney, 80, of Soldier, KS, passed away Sunday, December 2, 2018 at his home, with family by his side. He was born September 12, 1938 on the Potawatomi Reservation, the son of Dan McKinney, Sr. and Ellen (Lewis) McKinney.

Dan was a firefighter for many years on the Prairie Band Potawatomi Reservation. He was a member of Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation and Peyote Religion.

Dan married Ellen Fair in August of 1969 in Carnegie, OK. They celebrated over 49 years of marriage.

Survivors include his wife, Ellen, of the home; 5 sons, Troy McKinney (Amber) of Mayetta, KS, Sam McKinney (Rachel), Phillip McKinney, James McKinney and Dan McKinney, Jr. III (Virginia) all of Soldier, KS; 2 daughters, Mona McKinney (David) of Soldier, KS and Lola Wilson of Topeka, KS; 2 sisters, Betty Jo Hugar (Charles) of Apache, OK and Donna Poore (Tyrone) of Ponca City, OK; a brother, Danny Boy McKinney of Oklahoma; 29 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Jack McKinney; 4 sisters and 4 brothers.

Family will greet friends from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, December 5, 2018 at the Mercer Funeral Home in Holton. Cremation will follow. Private family inurnment will be at a later date. Memorials may be given to the Dan McKinney Memorial Fund c/o Mercer Funeral Home, P.O. Box 270, Holton, KS 66436. To leave a special message for the family, please visit www.mercerfuneralhomes.com.