

formerly of Mayetta, KS



Cody Charles “Nek-ti” Nozhackum, 40, of Livermore, CO, formerly of Mayetta, KS, passed away Wednesday, May 22, 2019 as the result of a vehicle accident.

He was born October 22, 1978 in Holton, KS, the son of LeRoy Jessepe and Linda Nozhackum Tecumseh. Cody graduated from Royal Valley High School in 1997. He had lived most of his life in Mayetta and recently moved to Colorado in 2018.

Cody worked for Sac & Fox Casino for a few years. In 2014 Cody completed his basic wildland fire training and joined the BIA fire family as part of a type 2 hand crew traveling throughout the United States fighting fires and providing support and emergency relief for communities in need. Being a wildland firefighter is hard, dirty, and rough work; yet Cody stuck with it and quickly became known for his optimism and cheerful attitude. Over the years Cody fought fire from the east coast to the west coast working on hand crews, engine crews, and camp crews; impacting more folks' lives than can be imagined. No matter how tough things got, you could always count on Cody to be smiling and he will always be remembered for this.

He was a member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation.

Cody was preceded in death by his fathers, LeRoy Jessepe and Ralph “Porky” Tecumseh.

Survivors include his mother, Linda Tecumseh of Mayetta, KS; a sister, Amber Tecumseh (Cody) of Spokane, WA; 4 brothers, Frank Tecumseh (Melissa) of Battle Creek, MI, Nelson Tecumseh (Betty) of Mayetta, KS, Mario Kitchkommie (Nevika) of Mayetta, KS and Paul Jessepe of Topeka, KS. He was known as Shisha Cody to many nieces, nephews and cousins.

TTibekwa/Supper and Wake will be Monday evening, May 27, 2019 at Nozhackum Hall west of Mayetta. Burial will be Tuesday morning at Danceground Cemetery. Mercer Funeral Home in Holton is in charge of arrangements. To leave a special message for the family, please visit [www.mercerfuneralhomes.com](http://www.mercerfuneralhomes.com).

