



Howard Oxendine

December 11, 1946 - March 27, 2020

Howard W. Oxendine (Chief Red Eagle), 73, of Bushnell, FL, passed away Friday, March 27, 2020, in Leesburg, FL. He was a member of Croom-a-Coochee Baptist Church and Native American Christian Church. Howard was a devoted Christian and loved his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. He was a member of the Sumter County Historical Society, the Dade Battlefield Society and the Sumter County Chamber of Commerce. He was Chief Red Eagle of Pan-o-kee Native American Tribe of Central Florida.

He is survived by his wife of 18 years, Darlene Oxendine of Bushnell, FL; daughter: Linda (David) Douglas of Leesburg, FL; sons: Eslie (Becky) Oxendine, David (Mindy) Oxendine, Paul (Christine) Oxendine, Tommy (Patricia) Story, all of Bushnell, FL; 15 grandchildren, 5 great-grandchildren; brothers: Homer Junior Oxendine (Inara), H.B. Oxendine, all of Bushnell, FL; sisters: Mary Lee Hayes of Webster, FL and Anita (Michael) Koerner of Koernersville, NC.

A private family service will be held and he will be laid to rest at Evergreen Cemetery, Bushnell, Florida.

Arrangements entrusted to Purcell Funeral Home, Bushnell, Florida.

Tribute Wall



“ *Beyers Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Howard Oxendine*



May 11, 2022 at 07:14 PM



“ *I always found Howard to be a gentleman and a sincere Christian. He drove the handicapped golf cart at the re-enactment most years and was always so helpful. Those of us who volunteered with him at Dade Battlefield will truly miss him.*
Jean McNary DBS member

Jean McNary - March 31, 2020 at 07:45 PM



“ *So many will miss "Chief Red Eagle", especially our "Dade Pioneers and Dade's Youth". The children and teens always enjoyed listening to his stories. His dedication to Dade Battlefield will long be remembered and appreciated. At this sad time, our hearts and prayers go out to his family.*
Karen Cloud

Karen Cloud - March 31, 2020 at 06:20 PM

BG

“ Howard was a good friend of Dade Battlefield and attended board meetings of the Dade Battlefield Society faithfully. He always volunteered to help out at the park's many events and day camps. I never met anyone who didn't like him, and I know his loss will be deeply felt by his friends, family and members of the Pan-O-Kee Tribe. Lisa and I wish to extend our sincere condolences to all those whose lives were touched by the Chief.

Bill Gruber - March 31, 2020 at 05:19 PM

DH

“ In 2017 I joined the Panokee Native American Tribe in Bushnell. It was an honor to meet Chief and get to be part of the tribe and also do the website and emails for the tribe. Chief was a strong believer and he always opened our tribe meetings with a message and scripture. He was always happy to give speeches on Native American History for College and schools groups. He tried to teach us the Cherokee language also. Our last Powwow was Sept. 2018 this is my site for photos taken during his last Powwow. you can look up pictures on my site, site will not allow links Flickr photos hawkinsfreelancephotography you will also find 2 videos by Chief on the site.

He loved doing this as you could tell but due to unforeseen issues we were not able to do another one. Chief, we shall see you again one day if we are believers we have this promise. You are now sitting with THE CHIEF AND CREATOR. We know you will also have a glorified body that was better than the one you had on earth.
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Deborah Hawkins "White Feather"

Deborah Hawkins - March 31, 2020 at 03:53 PM

LW

“ My condolences to the family. I would love to share some bible scriptures that can bring you comfort at this time and a wonderful hope of seeing your love one again. Acts 24:15" There is going to be a resurrection ". 2 Corinthians 1:3,4" Comfort when loved ones die" Hebrews 2:15" Freedom from morbid fear of death" John 5:28,29" A real hope of being reunited with your dead loved ones". God is the Creator of life. The Bible calls Jehovah God "the source of life" (Psalms 36:9; Acts 17:24,25) The One who gave life to all living creatures is certainly capable of restoring life to someone who has died. Jehovah hates death, he views it as an enemy. (1 Corinthians 15:26) He has a longing to conquer that enemy, to undo death by means of the resurrection. He yearns to bring back those who are in his memory and to see them live on earth again-Job 14:14,15.
Sincerely,
Liz Wall

Liz Wall - March 30, 2020 at 10:23 AM