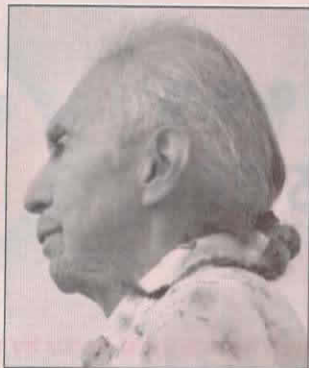


BIOGRAPHY - ALECK

Leo E. Aleck

Colonial Funeral Home



TOPPENISH - Leo E. Aleck (80) of Toppenish died at his home on Thursday July 31, 2008. He was born in Harrah, WA on June 14, 1928 to Joe and

Edna (Welch) Aleck. Leo was an enrolled Yakama and served his country in the U.S. Army. He worked as a lumber grader for Biles Coleman in Omak for many years returning to the Yakima Valley in the early 80's. Leo served as a tribal and general councilman off and on for over 20 years. He was also the last medicine man for the Yakamas and was a member of the Medicine Dance Society. He also was a counselor @ Camp Chapparal, did beadwork and considered himself a "wood cutter" Leo had a true calling for politics and enjoyed serving his fellow tribal members. He is survived by his wife, Shawashnye

"Lefty" Aleck of Toppenish; two sisters, Pearl Charley of Malott and Joanne Tahmalwash of Wapato; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by one son, Leo Aleck Jr. Dressing services will be held on Friday August 1, 2008 at 10 AM at Colonial Funeral Home. Overnight services will be held at the Toppenish Longhouse. A procession will leave the longhouse at 6:30 AM on Saturday August 2, 2008 for Toppenish Creek Cemetery in White Swan. Friends may send condolences at www.toppenish-funerals.com. Colonial Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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