

OBITUARIES

Ronald R. 'Quil-A-Hud' Lauzon

Ronald Ray "Quil-A-Hud" Lauzon, a longtime Wishkah Valley resident and activist for the rights of Native Americans, died Tuesday, Jan. 4, 2005, in Aberdeen. He was 68.



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Mr. Lauzon was born June 5, 1936, at Port Blakely to Earnest and Irene (Rogers) Rasmussen. He lived at the Martha & Mary Children's Orphanage in Poulsbo and was adopted in 1942 by Jerome and Agnes Lauzon. He was raised in Port Orchard and attended Port Orchard High School.

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He married Ruth Newell. They later divorced.

He enjoyed having salmon barbecues and had smoked salmon for many Quinault fisherman and other Washington tribal members. He also enjoyed wood-carving, making drums, going to casinos, golfing, traveling in his motor home, attending his great-grandchildren's activities and Hyak ballgames at Ocean Shores.

On Dec. 31, 1980, he married Jane Stopen. She survives him at their home.

Mr. Lauzon had owned fishing boats since 1952. From 1970-75, he worked for Interstate Asphalt as a mechanic/welder. From 1976-88, he was a crane operator and welder at the Satsop nuclear plant and on the Alaska Pipeline, working for Morrison Knudsen, Quigg Brothers-McDonald and several other companies through Operating Engineers No. 302.

He liked making wind chimes from fishing lures for his family. He was active in saving the wild salmon and had attended President Clinton's inauguration and the United States' largest powwow in Albuquerque, N.M., his family said.

He was also a cast member of the television series "Northern Exposure."

Besides his wife, he is survived by his mother, Agnes Lauzon Nowlin of Port Orchard; a son, Mark of El Cajon, Calif.; a daughter, Cristi of Hillsboro, Ore.; a stepson, Larry Moore of Ocean Shores; a stepdaughter, Kimberly Moore of Aberdeen, and two sisters, Janice Albert of Hesperia, Calif., and Marlene Wister of Anaheim, Calif.

Mr. Lauzon was a life member of the Snoqualmie/Snoqualmoo Tribe, Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians and National Congress of American Indians. He was Snoqualmoo Natural Resources director, past chairman of the Snoqualmie Tribe and sub-chief and co-chairman of the Snoqualmie Falls Preservation Task Force.

Two brothers, Ernie and William Rasmussen, and a stepbrother, Ralph Morrow, died previously.

He was a board member of the Sons of Norway, member the Puget Sound Gillnetters and a Grays Harbor Democratic precinct committee officer. His memberships also included the Grays Harbor League of Women Voters, Hoquiam Elks No. 1082 and Elma Eagles No. 1440. He had been secretary-treasurer of the Puget Sound Salmon Commission and an election board worker, as well.

Visitation will be from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, Jan. 14, at the Whiteside Family Mortuary in Aberdeen.

A traditional Native American ceremony is scheduled for 1 p.m. Saturday in St. John's Cemetery in the Wishkah Valley.

A celebration of his life will follow at the Hoquiam Elks.

Memorial donations are suggested to the Aberdeen Fire Department, or Martha and Mary Lutheran Services, P.O. Box 127, Poulsbo, 98370-0127.

Friends are invited to share memories at www.whiteside-familymortuaries.com and sign the family's online guestbook.

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Date of birth: June 5, 1936
Date of Death: January 4, 2005
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