



Johnny M. Tiger Jr

February 13, 1940 - August 5, 2015

Johnny Moore Tiger Jr, 75, of Muskogee, Oklahoma passed away on Wednesday, August 5, 2015. He was born February 13, 1940 in Tahlequah, Oklahoma to Johnny Moore Tiger Sr and Lucinda Lou Lewis Tiger. Johnny attended Chilocco Indian School and graduated from Muskogee Central High School with the class of 1959.

He proudly served his country as a member of the United States Air Force. Johnny excelled at boxing as he was an undefeated Golden Gloves Boxing Champion.

He was very proud of his Native American heritage. He was a full blood member of the Muscogee Creek and Seminole tribes and was fluent in his native language. Johnny will always be remembered as a renowned Master Artist of Native American Art.

He was preceded in death by his Father, Johnny Moore Tiger Sr; Brothers, Jerome Tiger and Kenneth Tiger; Sister, Melochee "Mary" Tiger; Maternal Grandparents, Hepsy Scott Lewis and Rev. Coleman Lewis; Paternal Grandparents, Parnoskey and Melochee Birdhead Cumseh; and beloved nephew, Chris Tiger.

Johnny is survived by his Son, Tony John Tiger of Muskogee, OK; Granddaughter, Evie Tiger; Grandson, Dylan Tiger of Muskogee OK; Mother, Lucinda Lewis Tiger of Eufaula, OK; Brother, Marcy Tiger and wife Sandy of Lorton, VA; Sister, Rosalie "Rita" Tiger of Muskogee, OK; beloved Nieces, Dana Tiger and husband Donnie Blair, of Muskogee, OK and Lisa Tiger, of

Santa Fe NM; Sister In Law, Peggy Tiger of the home, and a host of cousins, nieces and nephews, other family members and many friends who will miss him dearly.

A wake service will be held from 7:00-10:00 p.m., Tuesday, August 11, 2015 at the West Eufaula Indian Baptist Church.

Funeral services honoring Johnny's life will be at 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, August 12, 2015 at the First Baptist Church in Eufaula, Oklahoma with Rev. Norman Daniel and Deacon Richmon Colbert officiating. Interment will follow at Greenwood Cemetery in Eufaula, Oklahoma with Michael Tiger, John Timothy, Larry Tiger, Coleman Lisan Tiger Blair, Sean Coleman Stroble, and Roger Hewin serving as pallbearers. Honorary pallbearers will be Jack Osborn, Dave Williams, Richard Palmer, Donnie Blair, Marcy Coleman Tiger, Vernon Jerome (Jay) Stroble, John Scott Jr, Joey Morton, Raymond Nordwall, and Eddie Chuculate.

Cemetery Details

Greenwood Cemetery

633 N. Main St.
Eufaula, OK

Previous Events

Wake

AUG 11. 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church of Eufaula
400 W Foley St
Eufaula, OK 74432

Service

AUG 12. 10:00 AM (CT)

First Baptist Church Eufuala
400 W Foley St
Eufuala, OK 74432

Tribute Wall



“ *When we married and lived with your grandparents at West Eufaula, it was a great time. Loved Granny & Gramps at West Eufaula....*

Carolyn Johnson - September 26, 2024 at 09:39 PM



“ *Johnny M. Tiger Jr*

October 23, 2023 at 09:38 AM



“ *About 30 years ago, I met up with Johnny at an art show. I had known him for some time then. It was 4th of July weekend, and the town was pretty deserted. I locked all 4 sets of my keys in the car and didn't know what I was going to do. Johnny found a fireman somewhere and sent him out to open my car. He was a lovely, sweet man. Though I hadn't seen him in a long time, I've thought of him often and will miss him. My heart goes out to the Tiger family for another big loss.*

Kathleen Glass Ponce - May 17, 2016 at 11:46 AM



“ *Precious Uncle Tony influenced my life more than anyone.*

Dana - August 17, 2015 at 08:58 AM

CH

“ *The Hobbs Family lived on Augusta St. Midland Valley in Muskogee. The Tiger Family lived on the street behind us. We knew them. We attended Edison Elementary with their children. I have never forgotten The Tiger name. I am now 68 years old. I am sad about Johnny's death. May God Bless The Tiger Family. Connie Hobbs, SLC, Utah.*

Connie Hobbs - August 15, 2015 at 12:46 PM

JN

“ *Gosh! Seems like only day before yesterday we were on the Art Show Circuit ... Just laughing and enjoying our lives. I always remember Johnny's sense of humor and that smile... And his awesome paintings... And oh how much he loved and protected His niece Dana! So proud of Dana! Rest in Peace Johnny! God Bless the Tiger family... My Heartfelt condolences.*

julia Nava - August 14, 2015 at 09:59 PM

AD

“ *We are saddened by the news of JT's passing and have been making prayers to the Creator for all of you...Our hearts go out to the Tiger Clan as you go through this difficult time! We have many found memories of Uncle and know that you all do to! Hang on to those memories, relish them, and use them in the days ahead to draw strength from!
May the Peace and Comfort of our Heavenly Father be with you!
The Denton Family*

Andy Denton - August 13, 2015 at 08:29 AM

BB

“ *Bum B. lit a candle in memory of Johnny M. Tiger Jr*



Bum B. - August 12, 2015 at 08:37 AM

GJ

“ *RIP. Johnny Tiger Jr. You will be missed*



gina jordan - August 11, 2015 at 11:44 AM

RF

“ *Robert And CeCe Floyd lit a candle in memory of Johnny M. Tiger Jr*



Robert and CeCe Floyd - August 10, 2015 at 08:13 PM

PD

“ I met Johnny on my birthday 12/5/80 in Washington, DC. My friend picked him up at the airport and brought him to the restaurant we were all meeting at for dinner. He sat at the bar and drew pictures for drinks while my friends and I ate. He was in town for his art show at the gallery my friend worked in. I ran into him 9 years later in Santa Fe at the Indian Market and we kept in touch for many years. Johnny was an amazing human being and he will always have a special place in my heart. He will be missed by many people. It was sad to hear of his passing. Rest in Peace!

Priscilla DePetris - August 10, 2015 at 07:35 PM

CM

“ Carlene Morrison lit a candle in memory of Johnny M. Tiger Jr



Carlene Morrison - August 10, 2015 at 04:38 PM

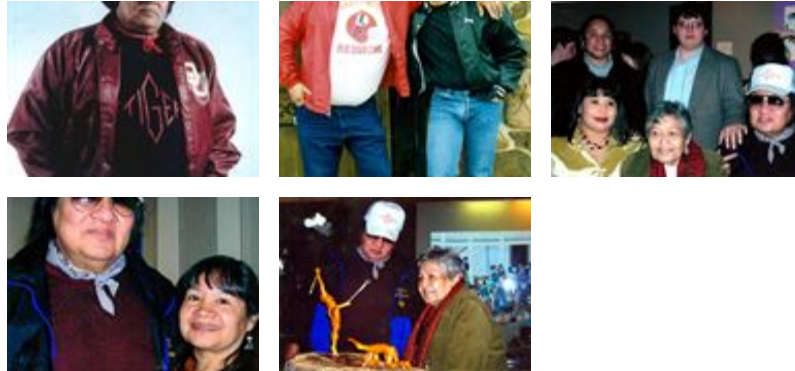
JC

“ Went to school with Johnny and two of his brothers. Jonny graduated in the class of 1959 MCHS. He and Jerome enjoyed life to the fullest. May John rest in peace. His friends hang on to a lot of memories of him.

Janet(Lentz) Copple) - August 10, 2015 at 02:29 PM



“ 92 files added to the album LifeTributes



Cornerstone Funeral Home and Crematory - August 10, 2015 at 02:17 PM

KL

“ KoKo Lowe lit a candle in memory of Johnny M. Tiger Jr



KoKo Lowe - August 10, 2015 at 11:22 AM

KL

My sincere condolences to the Tiger Family.

THE BROKEN CHAIN

*We little knew that morning that God was going to call your name
In life we loved you early, in death we do the same.
It broke our hearts to lose you, You did not go alone;
For part of us went with you, The day God called you home.
You left us peaceful memories, Your love is still our guide.
And though we cannot see you, You are always at our side.
Our family chain is broken, And nothing seems to be the same.
But as God calls us one by one, The chain will link again.*

KoKo Lowe - August 10, 2015 at 11:39 AM

ME

“ I met Johnny at Indian Summer in Bartlesville,OK. I don't know how long ago, a long time. He was always happy and laughing proud to show his gorgeous art work. I was a real collector. I have plenty of memories on my walls and in my heart to remember him always. Rest in peace my friend.

Melinda - August 09, 2015 at 10:53 PM

ME

“ Melinda lit a candle in memory of Johnny M. Tiger Jr




Melinda - August 09, 2015 at 10:47 PM

IF

“ The



issac downum family - August 09, 2015 at 09:16 PM

 Doyalne Goodwin Gardner

“ Doyalne Goodwin Gardner lit a candle in memory of Johnny M. Tiger Jr



Doyalne Goodwin Gardner - August 09, 2015 at 03:27 PM

LM

“ Leigh Ann (Ross) Matthews lit a candle in memory of Johnny M. Tiger Jr



Leigh Ann (Ross) Matthews - August 09, 2015 at 03:15 PM



“ I met Johnny Tiger in 1976 when I was 15 years old and became a member of the Osborn family, yes, they adopted me. Some of you may know me.

I can remember meeting him like it was yesterday, he was so friendly, always laughing with an ever ready smile and big hugs for everyone, I'd never met such an American Indian as him. He even had the native tongue.

I was introduced to the five civilized tribes museum and his fabulous Indian artwork that he gave personally to my daddy Jack Osborn, which adorned the walls of our home along side the beautiful artwork of his late brother 'Jerome'. Johnny was very much a part of our family and like a brother to my daddy Jack.

Researching and getting in touch with my own Indian History I had acquired some stomp dancing bells. I used to wear them from time to time and I was trying to stomp dance, Johnny had come over this particular day that I had them on, he showed me some steps, it was fun, I was then stompin away and loving it, I remember how we laughed and smiled stomp dancing. I even arm wrestled him once, hahaha, I gave it my all, I almost beat him too (I know now he was allowing me some leverage, lol), but it was tooo much fun trying. We just laughed n laughed over that. It was great fun.

I'll never forget him or his beautiful smile and what he meant to our family, especially to daddy Jack.

We will all have to cross that river one day when the lord calls us home and its sad when our loved ones have to go. The bible tells us living anyday past the age of 70 is truly a blessing. I know Johnny was a blessing to many who's lives he touched.

Mama Tiger and all of his family he loved and cared for so much, thank you for sharing your Johnny with so many of us , please accept my love, prayers and deepest sympathies and know my heart is with you at this sad time. I will always remember his beautiful smile, his laugh, his outstanding artwork and the influence and inspiration that he was to many!

God Bless You all and God Bless you Johnny, may you Rest in Peace ?

Kindly ~ Bridgette Hacker

Bridgette Ray - August 09, 2015 at 01:53 PM

LM

“ *Linda Quinton McCrary lit a candle in memory of Johnny M. Tiger Jr*



Linda Quinton McCrary - August 09, 2015 at 10:31 AM

AH

“ *Amy Hawkins lit a candle in memory of Johnny M. Tiger Jr*



Amy Hawkins - August 09, 2015 at 10:27 AM

DE

“ *Debbie Edwards lit a candle in memory of Johnny M. Tiger Jr*



Debbie Edwards - August 08, 2015 at 01:42 PM

SP

“ He was a unique, gentle, genuine, and funny man. I will never forget him, nor will anyone else that was lucky enough to know him.

Sue Powell - August 08, 2015 at 01:26 PM

SM

“ Shirley McKnight lit a candle in memory of Johnny M. Tiger Jr



Shirley McKnight - August 08, 2015 at 10:27 AM

Karen Ray

“ Karen Ray lit a candle in memory of Johnny M. Tiger Jr



Karen Ray - August 08, 2015 at 08:45 AM

Karen Ray

thanks for the smiles, Uncle. give Gomez a hug when you see him.
xoxoxo

Karen Ray - August 08, 2015 at 08:47 AM

KP

“ Kay Proffer lit a candle in memory of Johnny M. Tiger Jr



Kay Proffer - August 08, 2015 at 08:20 AM

FA

“ *Frank Ashby lit a candle in memory of Johnny M. Tiger Jr*



Frank Ashby - August 08, 2015 at 07:44 AM



“ *Debby Eversole lit a candle in memory of Johnny M. Tiger Jr*



Debby Eversole - August 08, 2015 at 01:06 AM

BA

“ *I will always remember. Johnny ... Ur dad n mom n mostly ur grandma.. I can still see her n mom chatting at my uncle Chebon Beavers services ... He was always so kind when i would see him in mk...I'm glad he was there for u all growing up...*

bonita marshall abernathy - August 07, 2015 at 11:55 PM

ST

“ *R.I.P. Uncle.... I know we were no longer close but you will be missed greatly. Love you and say hi to Chris from me and my family...Sean T.*

Sean Tiger - August 07, 2015 at 11:17 PM



“ I first met Johnny the summer of 1958 when he dated my friend, Jan Arterburn. He always made us laugh and was very kind to us. A talented artist gone too soon.

Mikie Huff - August 07, 2015 at 09:56 PM



“ Actually met Johnny and Jerome at the Continental Oil Refinery-gym at Ponca City (Continental Oil) is now Conoco Phillips. Jerome was boxing and won his match. Went to school at Chilocco with Johnny and Kenneth. Glad to have known them, my condolences to the family.

dorcas kent - August 07, 2015 at 07:23 PM



*Met Johnny thru Mildred Boone. My husband & I have works by him & Jerome.
My father, Audry Lee Bruner of Muskogee, was friends of both brothers.
Johnny was an exceptional talent as his brother Jerome was.
A very kind man.
May he rest in the arms of our Lord and Savior.*

beverlye Bruner Maritan - August 09, 2015 at 08:24 PM

AP

I was fortunate to meet John in 1987 at the Painted Pony Art Gallery on long Island. It was that same year I got to meet Lisa who was so young and beautiful. Still is just like her sister Dana. The following year I had the pleasure of meeting Chris. John and I became instant friends and Chris felt like a nephew, he even stayed here at my house. I loved them both very much. I am blessed to have both John and Chris's original artwork as well as Dana's. I was on the road returning from Maryland when I heard of John's passing and could not wait to get home and seek comfort from just sitting and looking at these pieces. My first thought when I got the news was now John and Chris are together.... I miss that laugh, I miss that smile, I miss his singing of Elvis songs.. He was a good man with a great heart. Love you John.. hug Chris for me <3

Andi Bellini Palmadessa - August 10, 2015 at 08:27 AM

CJ

What a beautiful time we had, living at West Eufaula those early 60's years with Granny, Gramps & Buddy. After Jerome died, when we married & moved to Muskogee & eventually divorced, you were there for Peggy (my lifetime best friend), and helped her raise Jerome's and her children with the greatest love. We all always stayed best friends, miss you, & now Peg is gone too. I'll meet you guys later....

Carolyn Rhinehart Johnson - March 11, 2020 at 11:23 AM