

Lac du Flambeau Mourn the Passing of Tribal Leader Henry “Butch” St. Germaine, Sr.



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The Lac du Flambeau Community is mourning the loss of one of their cherished leaders, Henry “Butch” St. Germaine, Sr., who served his community in several aspects, including Tribal President, Vice President, Tribal Council Member, and Natural Resources Fish Hatchery Manager. His lifetime of dedication and self-sacrifice serve as a tribute to the exemplary man he was. His humbleness, integrity, and hard work continue to inspire those who knew him, and the example he set will

carry on for generations.

Throughout his life of service, he was instrumental in forming programs that benefit the community, one of those being the Lac du Flambeau Tribal Police Department. “He was the Judicial Committee Chairman and was a strong supporter of the police department. We owe a lot to him for where we are today,” said Bob Brandenburg, Lac du Flambeau Chief of Police.

Butch’s daughter Veronica shared, “He was a wonderful father and taught us everything. His family was his pride, and he loved everyone.” Encouraging his grandson to take classes in automotive repair, teaching his daughter Tracy to solder, and passing down his mechanical and welding knowledge to his sons was a way that Butch included his family in his love of making things work. If Butch couldn’t fix it, it couldn’t be fixed.

A statement from the Lac du Flambeau Community said, “Although we are sad to say good-bye to a man who will be missed in this physical world, we were all privileged to know Butch, and his love for life made the lives of those who knew him that much more enriched. Butch was known as a very kind, loving man that had the best sense of humor. If you have never been teased by Butch, you haven’t had the pleasure of meeting him.”

He is survived by his loving wife of 55 years, Mrs. Mildred “Millie” St. Germaine and his loving children: Louis St. Germaine, Clancy St. Germaine, Paula St. Germaine, Tracy (St. Germaine) Daubon, Veronica St. Germaine, Ashley Isham and several grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces and nephews. He is predeceased by his son Henry “Butch” St. Germaine, Jr. He walked on with his wife and family by his side. ♣



Peter Arceo

“As excited as I am to serve in a new role as San Manuel CEO, I know the casino will continue to flourish with the current leadership team,” said Gill. “Peter is a great leader who embodies our core values, and I am looking forward to continue working with him and the rest of our executive leadership team to build a greater future, together.”

Suquamish Tribe Elects Returning Leaders to Tribal Council

The Suquamish Tribe elected two council veterans to serve as Treasurer and Vice-Chairman of the Tribal Council at the tribe’s recent General Council meeting. The Suquamish Tribal membership elected incumbent Robin Sigo to the position of Treasurer. The tribe also elected Wayne George to the position of Vice-Chairman. George replaces Bardow Lewis in that position. George served on the council over several previous terms.

The Suquamish Tribal Council is the governing body of the Suquamish Tribe. There are seven council positions: Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and three council members. Candidates voted to Tribal Council serve in three-year staggered terms. The Suquamish Tribe has approximately 1,200 citizens. Suquamish Tribal Members vote



L-R: Council Member Luther “Jay” Mills; Secretary Nigel Lawrence; Treasurer Robin Sigo; Chairman Leonard Forsman; Council Member Sammy Mabe; Council Member Rich Purser; Vice-Chairman Wayne George. Photo courtesy of the Suquamish Tribe

for Tribal Council positions during their General Council meeting held each year in the spring.

Chumash Business Committee Member Mike Lopez Appointed To CNIGA Board

Mike Lopez, a member of the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians’ Business Committee, has been appointed to the California Nations Indian Gaming Association’s Executive Board. Lopez, 49, was unanimously elected by the Central District tribes to serve a two-year term as the Central District At-Large Member of the CNIGA Executive Committee. The position became vacant in December when James Siva from the Morongo Band of Mission Indians was elected Vice Chairman of the committee.