Albert Cecil Harrison
March 8, 1935 – May 20, 2020

Albert Cecil Harrison, known by “Tl’uul” in his childhood, known by family and friends as “Uncle Albert”, known by siblings and cousins as “Rabbit”, and known by his Navy buddies as “Harry”, 85 years old, from Sutton, Alaska, passed away on Wednesday, May 20, 2020 at Alaska Native Medical Center (ANMC).

Albert Cecil Harrison was named after his father’s brother, Cecil Harrison when he was born on March 8, 1935 in Chickaloon, Alaska to his parents Ann Nicholi and Leland Trask Harrison. His father was originally from Montana. Katie, his older sister, served as the midwife at his birth. He was a middle child of a large family that included 11 children: Helen, Katie, Billy, Jessie, Angie, Raymond, Shirley, Albert, Mabel, Norman and Harold.

Albert attended Palmer School starting in 1941. His mother died in 1943 when he was eight years old and so he spent time with his sister Shirley at Eklutna Boarding School before attending Mt. Edgecumbe in Sitka, Alaska. He attended the University of Alaska, Fairbanks where he studied Liberal Arts for a semester in 1957.

Due to his interest to see the world, Albert enlisted in the U.S. Navy on August 2, 1957, and served on the USS Thetis Bay (LPH-6) until he was honorably discharged at the rank of RD 3 (E-4) on July 26, 1961. Although he volunteered for aviation duty, he was trained as a radar control room man and learned about electronics and radio broadcasting. Albert served in the Naval Reserves until August 1, 1963.

Albert married his sweetheart, Lena Elfredia Stepler, on May 20, 1971 in the United Methodist Church in Los Angeles, California. Lena was 20 years older than Albert and her father was from England and her mother was from France. She worked as a waitress. They spent 19 happy years in California before she died at the age of 75 due to pneumonia complicated by Alzheimer’s on June 20, 1990 in Sacramento, California. Albert never remarried.

Albert returned to Alaska in the 1990’s and lived with his niece, Penny Westing near Knik River and later had his house built in Sutton, Alaska in 2001 with help from Chief Gary Harrison, Daniel Harrison, Jonah Anacleto, David Ahrens, and Jim Shaginoff.

Starting around 2004 until his death, Albert Harrison served on the Chickaloon Village Traditional Council as the Treasurer. Albert was awarded the following by staff and the Chickaloon Village Traditional Council: 2009 Volunteerism Annual Award, 2010 Humor Annual Award, 2013 Elder of the Year Award, 2014 Humor Annual Award, and 2017 Humor Annual Award. In 2010-2011, he won the Most Improved Player Trophy from the Alpine Inn Pool Team. He was named CIRI Elder of the Year in 2015. Albert was the last President of the USS Thetis Bay Reunion association and received an award for his service in September 2019.

Albert believed in the importance of hard work and held a variety of positions. He worked as a milking machine operator, tractor driver, and farm machinery mechanic in his early years on the farms in Palmer, Alaska, as a security guard in California, and a maintenance worker at the Palmer Research Farm.

In his early years, Albert enjoyed doing minor repairs on automobiles and played the tenor saxophone by ear. Playing his guitars and singing was a lifelong activity that he enjoyed sharing with family and friends. With help from Tom Brannen, Albert recorded his own CD album, called “Albert’s Happy Tunes” with six songs on it. Albert and Dorothy Boatright formed the “Uncle Albert and the Sunshine Band” which performed at many casual and official functions. One of his last large public performances was during Chickaloon’s and Knik’s Annual Gathering in June 8, 2019.

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Albert Harrison, Continued

In his golden years, Albert was always on the go and sometimes hard to catch at home, even though he had stopped driving his car. He helped plant the community garden in Sutton, and he enjoyed spending his summers helping his friend Jay Kertula work his farm. Albert was not afraid of hard work. He enjoyed attending meetings with the Chickaloon Village Traditional Council, spending time with his cousins and friends at Alpine Inn, volunteering in the Accounting Department at Chickaloon Village, attending wellness classes at Valley Native Primary Care Center, learning the Ahtna Athabascan language with the students at Ya Ne Dah Ah School, eating lunch on Thursdays at Elders Lunch, attending his annual Navy Reunion for the USS Thetis Bay at various locations throughout the Lower 48, attending Miners baseball games, and going up the highway to fish camp and visiting relatives.

Albert had an infectious laugh and enjoyed teasing everybody around him. He rarely had a negative word to say about anybody and was always looking for ways to help others. Albert became a strong leader, always advocating for helping his family, the Ya Ne Dah Ah School students, and his community. He was admired and beloved by the students, staff and the community for his positive outlook on life.

Albert C. Harrison was survived by his siblings Shirley Sorensen (Sutton, Alaska), Mabel Hall (Anchorage, Alaska), Norman Oleson (Sutton, Alaska), and Harold Harrison (Portland, Oregon); his daughter Jennifer Harrison (Chickaloon, Alaska); his cousins Edith Baller, Danny Corey, Don Shaginoff, and Lloyd Shaginoff; and many nephews and nieces. He was pre-deceased by his wife Lena Elfredia Stepler (died June 20, 1990); his siblings Helen DePriest, Katie Wade, Billy Wickersham, Angie Stevig, Raymond Harrison (died 1969); his parents Ann Nicholi (died 1943) and Leland Harrison; his grandparents Balasculya (died July 1935) and Frank Nickolie; and his cousins Herb Belanger, Elsie Belanger, Jack Corey, Paul Goodlataw, Burt Shaginoff, Jim Shaginoff, and Dorothy Topolic.

Funeral Services were held on Wednesday, May 27, 2020. To protect our community due to Covid-19, family and friends were asked to bring their own mask or one provided by Chickaloon Village and maintain social distancing at all three locations. Visitation was from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm at Janssen’s Mat-Su Funeral Home located at 6901 E. Blue Lupine Road, Palmer, Alaska. No formal services were held. At 12:00 pm, the pallbearers transported Albert from the funeral home to the Ya Ne Dah Ah School at Mile 55.5 Glenn Highway. The procession paused briefly before heading to the burial at the family cemetery in Chickaloon, Alaska. After the burial, family and friends gathered at the big lawn at the Ya Ne Dah Ah School for soup and sandwiches and to share stories and sing songs. All services were shortened due to concerns regarding Covid-19. Formal military honors and a Funeral Potlatch will be scheduled at a future date when it is safer for us to gather and mingle closer together.

Honorary Pallbearers were Terry Daniels and “Doc” Moss. Pallbearers were Tim Harrison, Chief Gary Harrison, Chief Danny Harrison, Bruce Harrison, Rick Harrison, and Ryan Wade.

Memorial donations can be sent on his behalf to the Ya Ne Dah Ah School, P.O. Box 1105 Chickaloon, AK 99674.

The family would like to specifically thank his nieces, Kari Shaginoff, Lisa Wade, and Emily Ling and his friends, Barbara Leppanen, Chelsea Leppanen. Thank you for helping him with activities of daily living that allowed him to remain in his own home until July 2019 and then helping him maintain an active lifestyle after he moved to the assisted living home. Your love and support in his golden years was greatly appreciated.

You are my sunshine my only sunshine
You make me happy when skies are grey
You'll never know dear how much I love you
So please don't take my sunshine away
Looking to Summer

What a Spring we had!! With all the constant transitions in our lives taking place over the last few months, we hope you are well, taking care of yourself as you care for others, and that you have some sense of peace and calm. If there are needs that your family has, please reach out to Chickaloon Native Village to see how they can assist you during these trying times. The newsletter had so much information that there will be a July edition too!!

Your Editor, Shelia Olson, skolson@chickaloon-nsn.gov

Facilities & Housing Department

Affordable Housing is available to qualified applicants. We have 1 bedroom, 2 bedroom, 3 bedroom units available.

Call Samantha Ange at 907-745-0749 for more information.

Council Member Spotlight

Shawna Larson, Vice-Chairwoman

Where she was born: Shawna was born at the old Native hospital in Anchorage
Her immediate family: Ron Larson, father and Elsie Prout, mother
Fun Fact: both of her parents are twins
Her life goal: is to continue on with our Tribal traditions and our way of life
A bucket list item: Shawna would love to go to Australia!
Who is her hero: Her Gram

Shawna Larson is also the Deputy Director of Native Movement in Anchorage

Native Movement

https://www.nativemovement.org/
Email: riseup@nativemovement.org

Administration & Accounting Department

Chickaloon Village Traditional Council will be distributing relief funds to all verified Chickaloon Native Village Tribal citizens (lineal descendant) for the provision of economic support in connection with the recent COVID-19 public health emergency.

See Page 7 & 8 of this newsletter for more information and the application.

Administration & Accounting Department
Office Hours
907-745-0749
Monday through Friday
9:00 AM—5:00 PM

Graduate Student, A. Skylar Joseph requested assistance of CVTC in compiling research data of MMIW—Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women crisis. For more information, her email is ajosep32@binghamton.edu. The link to her online survey is: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfJaljRgaaIRD8wcOEJYSFk-VZbd3N1LtwkhLTJAxPr3clnA/viewform

These items and others can be viewed on ourlanguagecameback.com or emailing Sondra

Your Copy Editor, Sondra Shaginoff-Stuart, and other Tribal Citizens have been Koht’aen Ke’ Dozolts’ii (living our culture) by creating these beautiful items and can be reached at ourlanguagecameback@gmail.com.
CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2020 CLASS OF YA NE DAH AH
WE ARE VERY PROUD OF YOU AND YOUR HARD WORK!!

The Ya Ne Dah Ah Teachers and other staff worked creatively to provide educational stability and support for our students during the COVID-19 school closure.

From March 16th through May 21st, our Teachers created remote lessons and home-delivered activities to our students, held daily online Ahtna language classes via Zoom, and worked hard to help our students finish out the school year successfully.

Congratulations graduates! ~ Lisa Wade, Education Director

I like the cultural activities—Dillon, 10th grade
I like the stuff we do that is different from other schools, like sewing and tanning hides—Gavin, 5th grade
I like learning the language—Aamira, 6th grade
I love the hands-on crafts, beading, and learning Ahtna—Brantley, 2nd grade
My favorite thing is being able to learn the language—Caylee, 4th grade
I like singing and dancing—Ayla, 6th grade
My favorite things are learning the language and hanging out with friends—Rhya, 2nd grade
Ahtna/Dena’ina Kenaige’ (Language Lesson)

Stse', Sghedze', Sggo't, Skelaghose

Head, Shoulders, Knees, and Toes Song

Stse’, Sghedze’, Sggo’t, Skelaghose, Sggo’t, Skelaghose’
Head, shoulders, knees, and toes, knees and toes.

Stse’, Sghedze’, Sggo’t, Skelaghose, Sggo’t, Skelaghose’
Head, shoulders, knees, and toes, knees and toes.

Snaegge’, sdzaghe’, szaa, and sentsiis.
Eyes and ears and mouth and nose.

Stse’, Sghedze’, Sggo’t, Skelaghose, Sggo’t, Skelaghose’
Head, shoulders, knees, and toes, knees and toes.

Deniigi Body Parts
Health & Social Services Department

Due to COVID-19, Elders’ Lunch continues to be cancelled until we feel it is safe to congregate in an enclosed space. Home Deliveries are provided on a weekly basis.

Contact Flora Deacon or Dorothy Boatright at 907-745-0704 if you know of an Elder or Tribal Citizen who would benefit from additional food or supplies delivered to their home each week.

We would like to invite you to our new on-line

Community Wellness Circle.

If you or someone you love is in need of a little more connection or emotional support, please join in.

This is a safe place to share and reflect, and to learn new ways to cope with stress and sadness, all while keeping in touch with other Tribal citizens.

Every Thursday between 2 - 4, on-line.
For RSVP, details, and questions please contact Ryan Laine, Caseworker, at (907) 745-0704 ex. 202 or at rplaine@chickaloon-nsn.gov

Transport Schedule
**UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**
**Transports are limited to medical/emergent needs ONLY**

Monday: LifeHouse Clinic/Valley Native Primary Care Center/ and Transportation also provided for Elder’s needing assistance with shopping, local resource access.

Tuesday: LifeHouse Clinic/Valley Native Primary Care Center/Alaska Native Medical Center/Southcentral Foundation (Anchorage)/ and Valley Native Primary Care Elder Wellness

Wednesday: LifeHouse Clinic/Valley Native Primary Care Center/Alaska Native Medical Center/ and Southcentral Foundation (Anchorage)

Thursday: LifeHouse Clinic and Elder’s Lunch Home Deliveries

Friday: LifeHouse Clinic and Elder Activities (please contact HSS Department for a list of upcoming activities)

Please contact 907-745-0704 to schedule a ride.

Please provide a 48-hour notice when requesting a ride. We do our best to take every transport request; however, Anchorage transports are based upon driver availability. Our service area includes the communities of Glacier View, Chickaloon, Sutton, as far as Palmer to Seward Meridian and the Butte.

The C’eyiits’ Hwnax Life House Community Health Center is open to the public for primary care needs. They offer free COVID-19 Testing. See Carey Fremin

For more information contact them at 907-631-7665. View upcoming dates of services available on their website www.lifehouseclinic.com or follow them on Facebook C’eyiits’ Hwnax Life House Community Health Center.

Justice Department

Protect with Courage ~ Serve with Compassion

The Peace Officers are in close partnership with Alaska State Troopers and Mat-Com dispatch. Once it is safe to gather in large groups, Tribal Court will hold a talking circle to gain insight from Tribal Citizens of community needs and how the Court can better serve Tribal Citizens.
Chickaloon Village Traditional Council  
(Nay’dini’aa Na’)

ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING A COVID-19 RELIEF DISTRIBUTION TO ALL  
CHICKALOON NATIVE VILLAGE (CNV) TRIBAL CITIZENS  
JUNE 6, 2020

Chickaloon Village Traditional Council (CVTC) will be distributing relief funds to all  
CNV Tribal citizens (lineal descendant) for the provision of economic support in  
connection with the recent COVID-19 public health emergency. Each CNV Tribal  
citizen who applies by June 30, 2020, will receive a COVID-19 Relief  
disbursement of $2,000 per adult (+18 years of age) and/or $500 for each CNV  
Tribal citizen eligible dependent child (under the age of 18).

To Apply  
Each CNV Tribal citizen applicant is asked to submit their current contact  
information (full name, birthdate, address, home phone, mobile phone, and email  
address). Only one application is required per household. Each application should  
include the full names and dates of birth for each individual Tribal citizen applying.  
Parents/Legal Guardians may apply on behalf of a minor Tribal citizens living in  
their household. Completed applications will be accepted no later than June 30,  
2020, via one of the following methods:

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PO Box 1105  
Chickaloon, Alaska 99674  
Email: cvadmin@chickaloon-nsn.gov | Ceghazae Hwnax (Drop Box)  
9255 N Glenn Hwy  
Palmer, Alaska 99645  
Fax: 907-745-0709 |

Additional Information  
CVTC encourages Tribal Citizens to contact their family members to encourage  
them to apply. If we can answer any questions or assist you with the application  
process, please call (907) 745-0749.

We also encourage you to visit our website at www.chickaloon-nsn.gov to learn  
more about CVTC’s various projects, employment opportunities, and other  
programs available to you.

We pray you remain healthy and may Creator guide our footsteps,

Traditional Chief Gary Harrison, Chairman  
Lisa Wade, Council Secretary

PO BOX 1105 Chickaloon, Alaska 99674  
e-mail: cvadmin@chickaloon-nsn.gov  
Phone (907) 745-0749  
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Home Page: http://www.chickaloon-nsn.gov
COVID-19 RELIEF FUND DISTRIBUTION APPLICATION FORM

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(Attach an additional page as needed for more dependents.)

You will be contacted once your application has been received to verify information and confirm payment distribution method. **Completed applications will be accepted no later than June 30, 2020**, using one of the following methods:

**Mail:**
Chickaloon Village Traditional Council
PO Box 1105
Chickaloon, Alaska 99674

**In-Person:**
Ceghaznae Hwnax (Drop Box)
9255 N Glenn Hwy
Palmer, Alaska 99645

**Email:**
cvadmin@chickaloon-nsn.gov

**Fax:**
907-745-0709

Or call CVTC Administration for further assistance (907) 745-0749.

**This Section for CVTC Office Use Only:**
Date Received in Accounting: __________________________________________________________________________
Original to Accounting: _____
Copy to Lisa Wade: _____
Copy to Executive Assistant: _____