



Benjamin Gilbert Checotah

August 31, 1951 - June 16, 2019

Ben's life was very full of adventure. He was born in Okmulgee and is a direct descendant of Chief Samuel Checote who served three times during the reconstruction period. Ben attended Sequoyah Boarding School in Tahlequah, OK where he played drums for a band and "polished all the floors" as punishment for being a cut-up.

He transplanted to Georgia to represent his tribe as the first Mvskoke back at the old lands and made a trip to Paris. He worked as an Interpreter for the National Park Service at the Okmulgee National Monument and became a Descendent at Gilcrease Museum. He was a caring person that could handle stress, so he worked as an EMT, and later as a Phlebotomist in Dialysis/Plasma services for over 25 years. He filled his life with music, played the drums for several bands, and volunteered for Riverparks Authority doing concerts and events. He usually knew something about everything. He will be missed greatly!

There will be a Visitation for Ben at McClendon-Winters Funeral Home on Wednesday, June 19, 2019 from 5-7pm. Arrangements have been entrusted to the McClendon-Winters Funeral Home of Okmulgee.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **19**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

McClendon-Winters Funeral Home - Okmulgee

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Tribute Wall



“ *McClendon-Winters Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Benjamin Gilbert Checotah*



McClendon-Winters Funeral Home - June 19, 2019 at 12:47 PM

PP

BEAUTIFUL...

PAMELA POWELL - June 19, 2019 at 08:32 PM

DA

That was beautiful. He was one of a kind. Dianne Alford-Guthrie

Dianne Alford-Guthrie - June 20, 2019 at 01:22 PM



Nice video

Miranda Bigpond - June 21, 2019 at 06:58 PM



He was definitely one of a kind! Very eccentric!

Miranda Bigpond - June 21, 2019 at 06:58 PM

JF

So sorry about he was a fun loving brother in law if I knew in time I would had been their so sorry for ur lost and prayers for all family

Joanne Factor - June 24, 2019 at 08:42 PM

AL

Wow I met Ben back in 1977 at Bacone College in Muskogee Ok, nice guy always had a big smile. So sorry to hear of his passing.

A W Large - September 03, 2021 at 05:43 PM

MC

Ben ran around with our older brother Carl. We are all blessed to have met at Sequoyah High School in Tahlequah, Oklahoma!

Maxine Pumpkin Cypress - September 07, 2021 at 06:09 AM

SS

Sullateskee family misses our friend everyday! Gvgeyu Ben! ❤️

Sandy Sullateskee - October 03, 2022 at 08:10 AM

SS

If any of Ben's family could contact me I'm on FB. Miss our friend so much.

Wado 🌹🌹

Sandy Sullateskee - January 01, 2023 at 05:26 PM



“ *Benjamin Gilbert Checotah*

December 20, 2022 at 11:29 AM

SS

“ *Sandy Sullateskee lit a candle in memory of Benjamin Gilbert Checotah*



Sandy Sullateskee - October 03, 2022 at 03:52 PM

SS

“ *Deepest sympathy from Sullateskee family. My name is Sandy Sullateskee and my brother Kenneth 'Soggy' Sullateskee n Ben were best friends @ Sequoyah. So many memories we have w Ben. We didn't know until after his passing. I miss my friend who could make me laugh more than anybody. Please call me to share memories, time doesn't matter. 918-871-6899.*



Sandy sullateskee - September 23, 2019 at 12:54 AM

SS

*Anita please call me. Sandy Sullateskee
918-506-1414*

sandy Sullateskee - February 08, 2023 at 02:08 PM

MC

“ *Always a fun loving person. Happy and enjoyed life.*



Melba Checote-Eads - June 20, 2019 at 07:59 PM

LH

“ *Laverna Hignite lit a candle in memory of Benjamin Gilbert Checotah*



Laverna Hignite - June 20, 2019 at 12:14 PM

PP

“ PAMELA POWELL lit a candle in memory of Benjamin Gilbert Checotah



PAMELA POWELL - June 19, 2019 at 08:35 PM

DA

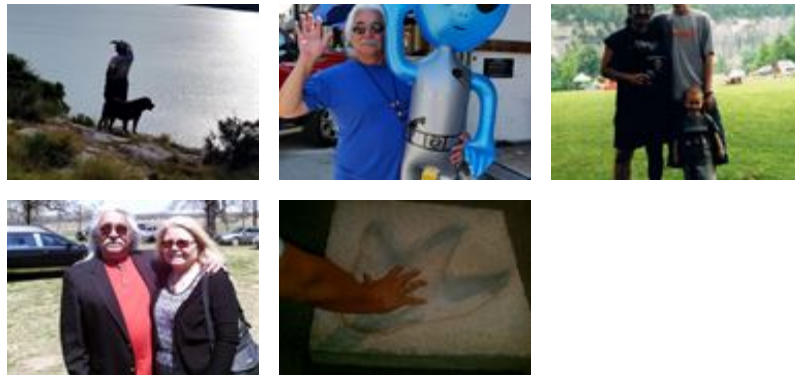
“ Dianne Alford-Guthrie lit a candle in memory of Benjamin Gilbert Checotah



Dianne Alford-Guthrie - June 19, 2019 at 12:20 PM



“ 115 files added to the album LifeTributes



McClendon-Winters Funeral Home - June 19, 2019 at 11:35 AM

JH

“ A portrait of Ben should be placed in the Council House.

Jerry Horn - June 19, 2019 at 11:13 AM

KL

“ Benjamin was always so friendly and kind. My sincere condolences to the family. Prayers for comfort and strength. Rest in Peace - Benjamin.



KoKo Lowe - June 19, 2019 at 09:12 AM

ML

“ Ben was about the only kid with a car in high school, so during holiday & summer breaks he would go around picking up his buddies to party. My brother, Carl Ross, was one of those friends, along with Albert Dreadfulwater.

Merry Loman - June 18, 2019 at 07:12 PM

PP

Yes he and Carl always called me Ears. Simon Pascale gave me that name. I sure do miss those crazy guys.

peggy powell - June 18, 2019 at 10:09 PM

MW

“ Mona Wacoche lit a candle in memory of Benjamin Gilbert Checotah



Mona Wacoche - June 18, 2019 at 06:50 PM