



Joe Allen Quetone

December 27, 1946 - June 21, 2024

Joe Allen Quetone, 77, of Tallahassee, FL, passed away on June 21, 2024, in the loving care of his wife, Rebecca Gallagher Quetone.

Joe was born on December 27, 1946, to Carol Ward and Allen Curtis Quetone in Lawton, OK. Joe was an active member of the Kiowa Tribe of Oklahoma and was a descendant of Stumbling Bear, Jimmy Quoetone, and Guy Quoetone. Joe spent his childhood with family in Oklahoma, Fort Deposit, AL, and Panama City, FL. He was a band captain and graduated from Bay High School in 1964, and then attended Florida State University.

Joe was drafted into the Army, and met the love of his life, Rebecca, starting a romance that would last over 54 years. After honorably serving his country, he returned to Florida State. Joe was a leader of the Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity and completed his Bachelor's in Philosophy. The rest of his life would be devoted to serving the interests of all Native American Tribes. Joe led the Florida Governor's Council on Indian Affairs as its Executive Director for over 35 years while also serving in many roles advancing tribal sovereignty, employment, and training all over the country. His impact on the Native American community cannot be overstated.

Joe was a devoted father who worked tirelessly to ensure the best possible life for his son, Allen Francis Quetone. His favorite hobbies included collecting

photos and videos of his grandsons, Lucas Joe and William Finn; enjoying his wife's delicious cooking; and spreading kindness and joy to his community of friends and family. He is remembered as a wonderful boss, mentor, and friend to many.

Joe was predeceased by his father Allen, his mother Carol, his stepfather Frank Nadeau, and his brother Cameron. He is survived by his wife Rebecca, sister Alana, brothers Guy and Steven, his son Allen, his daughter-in-law Martha, and his two grandsons Lucas and William.

His memorial service will be held at The Tallahassee Elks Lodge on August 11th at 11am. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Florida Governor's Council on Indian Affairs Scholarship Fund.

Kelly Barber of Bevis Funeral Home (850-385-2193 or www.bevisfh.com) is assisting the Quetone family with their arrangements.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

AUG 11. 11:00 AM (ET)

Tallahassee Elks Lodge
276 N. Magnolia Drive
Tallahassee, FL 32301

Tribute Wall

JB

“ When Allen was in elementary school, there were several parents who were part of a core group of volunteers and Joe was one. He was at the school frequently, for each and every occasion in which Allen participated. He was also seen at most/all PTO meetings. He even came to board meetings to be part of the discussions and his input was always appreciated and respected. What a terrific father he was to his son...strong and determined yet always having a laugh, and, most of all, tremendously kind. Joe was definitely one of the good guys, the rare kind that don't come around very often. He will be missed by many. Joan Bertolaet

Joan Bertolaet - August 11, 2024 at 05:43 PM

LS

“ Joe was my Big Brother from another Mother for 53 years. He befriended me when I was 17 and a freshman at FSU...and later Initiated at TKE. He saved my life when my Mother died that year. He was a. True Native American and the Creator now has a new member in Heaven. Joe will live on in my Heart and memories all of my life. YITB Les Stemm



Lester P Stemm - August 10, 2024 at 06:10 AM



“ I know Joe through his son Allen. An amazing man who produced and raised one of the greatest guys I know. Every time I got to spend time with him was a very peaceful, welcome experience. The pride he had in his son was enviable. I'm glad he was able to grow old enough to see his son mature into a mature, responsible married man and meet his grandchildren.

Chris McDonald - July 28, 2024 at 10:58 AM



“ Joe Allen was my big brother! We talked, shared, cried and most of all loved each other to the end. I had no idea it was his time. I know he lived a good long life thanks to his love, Becky. He adored his son, daughter in law and grandchildren. There's a huge void in my heart. I had the greatest love and respect and will carry our chats and love until we meet again! I know he would ask those of us still here to pray for Allen Francis and his family and for Becky! Aho Becky for being by his side and caring for him all these years. He truly loved u with all his heart! Praying for u all! I'm missing u already Oahbee but find great comfort knowing ur in the presence of Dawkee and in the company of all those loved ones there waiting for u to greet u!

Fred Fodder - July 26, 2024 at 09:54 PM



“ Mr. Quetone was also so calm and pleasant. He will be missed.

Shannon D. - July 10, 2024 at 12:50 PM

DB

“ It has been decades since I’ve talked with Joe, but his kindness and wisdom has stayed in my heart. His appreciation and pride of his heritage impressed everyone who crossed life paths with him. I’m pretty sure he was an awesome father and grandfather. May the winds of the earth blow gently as he rests in his eternal reward. Thoughts and prayers for his family and friends.

Diane Courtney Busg - July 07, 2024 at 08:19 AM

BM

“ I adored you in high school and was delighted to reconnect years and years later. Your words of kindness and comfort will be missed. You are resting in the peace you always gave to others.

Becky Colcord Moon - July 06, 2024 at 11:10 AM

KP

Oh Joe...such a beautiful soul, it's been a few since we last spoke. Becky, so sorry to hear about Joe. I worked with Joe when he was appointed as Executive Director for Florida Council on Indian Affairs as the CETA Secretary along with Carolyn, Bob Kellum and Percy Harrell. I did not get to meet his son but I understand he too is honorable like his dad. Sending my love and prayers to all of Joe's family, and to Joe safe travels on your journey to our ancestors.

Katherine Hayward Poppell - July 31, 2024 at 03:15 PM