



Alvis "Bud" Johnson

May 20, 1939 - October 4, 2019

Long time Siskiyou resident and Karuk Tribal Member Alvis "Bud" Johnson passed away on October 4, 2019 at Fairchild Hospital in Yreka, California. He was 80 years old at time of death.

He was born on May 20, 1939 in Hoopa, California to Helen Myers and Lawrence Johnson.

He was raised by his grandparents Lucy Johnson Lawson and John Lawson. He served in the U.S. Army as a Motor Transport Mechanic in the early 1960's, which led to his love of all motorsports, especially river boat racing. He also became a Master Welder when he lived in the San Francisco Bay Area. Over last three decades, his leadership and dedication has been instrumental to the overall growth and success of the Karuk Tribe, which included multiple terms as Tribal Chairman.

Bud is survived by his wife Sharon and her two daughters Michelle and Valerie, his sisters Gladys Guy, Wanda Orcutt and brother Jack Thom, as well as Elaine Johnson and multiple nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his brothers Lawrence Dude Johnson, Jeff Thom, & Charlie Thom Jr as well as Richard Johnson.

Graveside Services will held across the river on Friday October 11, 2019 at 11:00am at Irving Creek / Somes Bar and the Celebration of Life Services at 3:00pm at the Karuk Tribe Admin Complex.

Cemetery Details

Irving Creek / Somes Bar

Somes Bar, CA

Previous Events

Graveside Service

OCT 11. 11:00 AM (PT)

Irving Creek / Somes Bar
Somes Bar, CA

Celebration of Life

OCT 11. 3:00 PM (PT)

Karuk Tribe Old Gym
64236 2nd Avenue
Happy Camp, CA 96039

Tribute Wall

JM

“Bud” will be missed by many, including myself. It was a pleasure working with “Bud” Johnson, when I was living in Happy Camp, CA and working for our Tribe. He had such a great laugh and loved being around his people. R.I.P. “Bud” Johnson and have a safe journey to the spirit world my friend.

James Morton - November 26, 2019 at 06:58 AM

SB

“ I had a wonderful time with Bud in the Karuk Language Class in Happy Camp. It was truly an a unique experience for me to be a learner with a teacher who was a fluent speaker of the Karuk language. I will always remember his teaching of the language, the culture and his good humor.

Sally Bartosiewski

Sally Bartosiewski - October 10, 2019 at 02:27 PM

HB

“ Dear Sharon, It is with great sadness that we heard of Alvis's passing. We are so glad that you both came to see us in Idaho and were looking forward to another visit. He was a great friend and will be missed by many. Our condolences and love go out to you. We are sorry we cannot attend the services, but we are unable to travel.



Hugh and Kay Brown - October 09, 2019 at 01:34 PM

VL

“ *RIP Bud, I enjoyed working with you at KCDC in 2013 and 2014. Thank you, for all your support.*

Vi Long - October 09, 2019 at 03:37 AM

AB

“ *RIP dear friend.*

Earl and Alverna



Alverna Bresette - October 08, 2019 at 02:27 PM

SS

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Sara Spence - October 08, 2019 at 01:35 PM

SS

“ *He will be so deeply missed by all of us who knew and loved him. His leadership had a profound impact on my life that can never be matched. I am beyond grateful for the years that I was lucky enough to work beside him and see his visions for the Karuk Tribe grow. He truly made a difference in my life!*

Sara Spence - October 08, 2019 at 01:34 PM

JG

“ *Grand opening at Rain Rock Casino with Bud Johnson loved to hear him laugh.*

Jennifer Goodwin - October 08, 2019 at 02:45 AM

DM

“ *Donna McCulley lit a candle in memory of Alvis "Bud" Johnson*



Donna McCulley - October 08, 2019 at 12:28 AM

GG

“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



Greg Gehr - October 08, 2019 at 12:01 AM

Mary
Stacy

“ *May he rest in peace, Prayers for the family. From David and Mary Stacy*

Mary Stacy - October 07, 2019 at 09:53 PM

JL

“ I have to be out of town. My heart goes out to the family. This is 2 language speakers gone within a month. It's personally tragic and a tragedy for us all. Chimi kuyâapkuhi!
---Julian Lang

Julian Lang - October 07, 2019 at 09:39 PM

RB

Thank-you for the wisdom you shared with the Naa Vura Yeeship youth groups. Blessings and strength to your family. Rivkah

Rivkah L Barmore - October 08, 2019 at 03:06 AM

TB

Heart felt Blessings to the FAMILY! Chitcus

Terrance Chitcus Brown - October 08, 2019 at 08:05 PM

 Myrtle Thompson

So sorry for the loss of Bud, I always seen him as a uncle, Him & Sharon came to see us when we ran the motel in brookings, It was a nice visit, Rest In Peace Bud, i know you will seeing the loved ones that went before you, Love you and will miss you. Sharon so sorry for your loss, We are here if you need us, love & miss you.

Myrtle Thompson - October 11, 2019 at 11:50 AM

 Myrtle Thompson

Too the family So sorry you all will be in our thoughts & our prayers love you all, Love Michael & Myrtle Thompson

Myrtle Thompson - October 11, 2019 at 11:51 AM