



## Lavon Lawe Kent

May 6, 1947 - August 17, 2022

On August 17, 2022 Lavon Lawe Kent "slipped the surly bonds of earth and touched the face of God." She was born on May 6, 1947 to William and Mary Lawe. Lavon was the middle child of their five children. She was a devoted daughter, sister, wife, mother, grandmother and friend.

Lavon graduated from Yreka High School, class of 1965. Later in life she furthered her education at Montana State University in Bozeman studying human services. While at MSU she worked in the Disability Services Office. She was and always will be a fierce protector of those who may have done life differently.

She was a head start teacher. She was an Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) worker for Quartz Valley Indian Reservation. She served on boards and commissions for the Karuk Tribe throughout her life. She was a Tribal Employment Rights Officer (T.E.R.O.) for many years until she was unable to travel. She made many contacts who in turn became good friends.

Lavon would help anyone who needed it, but she expected you to put in the effort to help yourself. She was always willing to teach and guide you. If she was not able to help, then she would find someone that could. She had a special place in her heart for children. "They are the future and make sure you give them the knowledge." When she would volunteer at her grandkids

schools, she became Grandma to the whole class and then some. She was always encouraging and believed in you. She was always ready with her big smile and her contagious laugh.

Lavon was honest, straight forward and if she had something to say to you, she said it. She is greatly loved and sorely missed. Until we meet again.

Lavon is survived by her husband John McDonald, her children: John Kent, George Kent and Rene' Guilford (Scott); her grandchildren: Joshua, Evaleen, George III, Cordel and Bianca; great grandchildren: Aurora and Emerick; siblings Arvada Nelson, Jackson Lawe, David Lawe (Pam), Carmen McCullough and numerous nieces, nephews and extended family members. She was preceded in death by her parents William and Mary Lawe and her grandson Cody Kent.

A private family burial has been held at Evergreen Cemetery. A public gathering to honor Lavon will be held on Saturday, August 27, 2022 at 10:00 AM at Upper Greenhorn Park. A special thank you to all the remarkable human beings with Madrone Hospice. Memorials and donations can be made to Madrone Hospice, 255 Collier Circle, Yreka, CA 96097.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *My most sincere condolences to the Lawe and Kent Families! Especially to you, David. Your parents, bless them, and your sisters, Arvada, Lavon and Carmen along with yourself were also my family for many years. I never did meet Jackson, but my condolences go to him, too.*

*I'll miss Lavon, with her sense of humor and boisterous laughter, just as I've missed your parents, Arvada, Carmen and you.*

*You all blessed my young life, kept me on a righteous road and saved me from going astray, before finding myself.*

*God bless you, too, Pamela for being David's faithful wife and mate, the mother of both of your children and the strength of the family.*

*In sorrow for your loss and in hope for the resurrection, where we all join together again in a happy reunion, I remain with love and regards,*

*Elizabeth Bast, Germany*

*(Maiden Name)*

*Elizabeth Trischman, Gallatin Gateway, MT*

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**Elizabeth Bast** - December 26, 2022 at 12:00 AM

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“ *I was and am Blessed to be a part of this wonderful family! May God grant you Peace in your time of sorrow. In Love & Light always*

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**David Stewart** - August 24, 2022 at 12:00 AM

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“ I was Lavon's marching partner at Yreka High School and were we ever laughing the whole time !! She finally told me how she got the "black eye" literally! She bumped into an elbow, which was true as well ! A wonderful friend whom I was able to visit with when John was stationed in Hawaii ! She was envious of me because I was coming back to the mainland! Whenever I saw her it was like the last time was yesterday. Truly a wonderful lady full of joy and laughter. My sincere condolences to John, David and her family members. May God shine His Loving Light on her and them. Love,  
David Stewart

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David Stewart - August 24, 2022 at 12:00 AM

PH

“ My sincere condolences to the family - Lavon was a fierce defender of those who needed help and worked diligently and selflessly to serve her tribal people. I loved her smile and those twinkling eyes - she will be missed.

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Patricia Hobbs - August 23, 2022 at 12:00 AM

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“ We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ Girdner Funeral Chapel

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A Memorial Tree was planted for Lavon Lawe Kent - August 23, 2022 at 12:00 AM