

WILLIE PREACHER

Sept. 28, 1952 – Aug. 23, 2015



RESPECTED TRIBAL REPRESENTATIVE



Willie represented his people on the INL CAB, the Environmental Management Advisory Board, State and Tribal Working Group, Nuclear Energy Tribal Working Group, Tribal Caucus and Nuclear Fuels Storage and Transportation Group.

TRUSTED LIAISON TO DOE

❖ “When Willie left the site and was looking for work, the tribes were quick to recognize his knowledge and expertise in nuclear fuel and waste handling, so it was a quick decision ... to hire Willie as our DOE (liaison)....Willie was a great asset and a credit to our tribe...”

❖ --Blaine Edmo, Chairman, Shoshone-Bannock Tribes



FOUR-TERM CAB MEMBER

❖ “Willie was a valued member of the INL CAB. His experience was a valuable asset to the board, and his perspective was very helpful in our decision-making process. He was a true gentleman, an excellent mentor to other board members and he was respected by all with whom he worked. He will be missed, and most important, he will be remembered.”

❖ --Herb Bohrer, INL CAB Chair



A MAN OF INFLUENCE

❖ “He was a proud and strong voice for his community...in addition to working at the Idaho National Laboratory, he served on the State and Tribal Working Group, the Nuclear Energy Working Group, and the Environmental Management Advisory Board. He was really a major player in our dialogue, and he will be missed.”

❖ --Energy Secretary Ernest Moniz

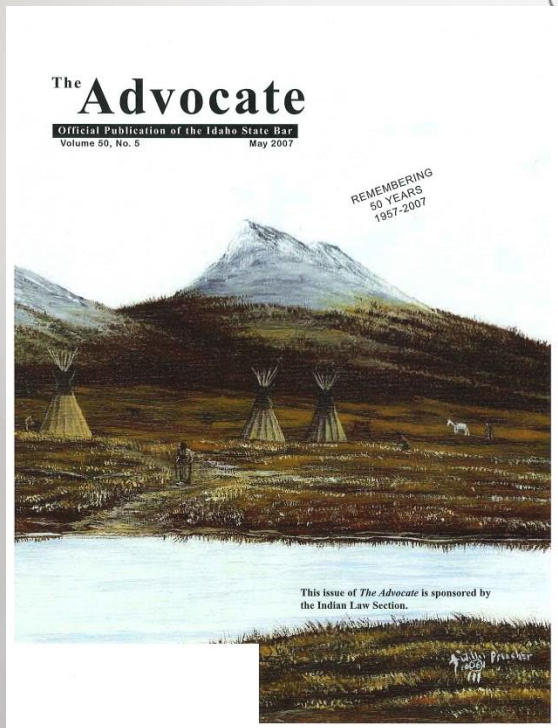
THOUGHTFUL, INSIGHTFUL

“I always enjoyed working with Willie on the CAB and DOE Intergovernmental groups. I respected his positions and found him to be thoughtful and insightful. I will especially miss his smile.”

--Susan Burke, INL Oversight Program Coordinator



ARTIST



Willie worked in ink, pastels, oils, watercolor, pencils and scratchboard. Much of his artwork depicted early Native American life prior to the European arrival.



POOL PLAYER



❖ Willie was an avid pool player who played in many different leagues.

“He loved to teach people and even his opponents how to play even better. He competed more with the pool table than his opponent.”

❖ --Bekki Mangum, long-time friend.

FRIEND

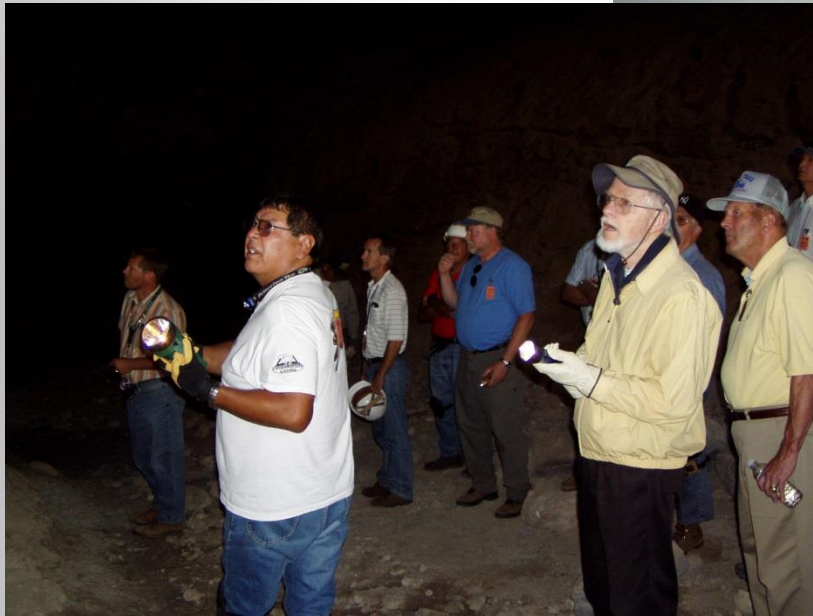


“Our lives will not be the same with Willie’s untimely departure but he must have been needed over on the other side by the Creator...Willie we will see you over there on the other side, to hunt, fish and trap with our ancestors.”

--Blaine Edmo, chairman, Shoshone-Bannock Tribes

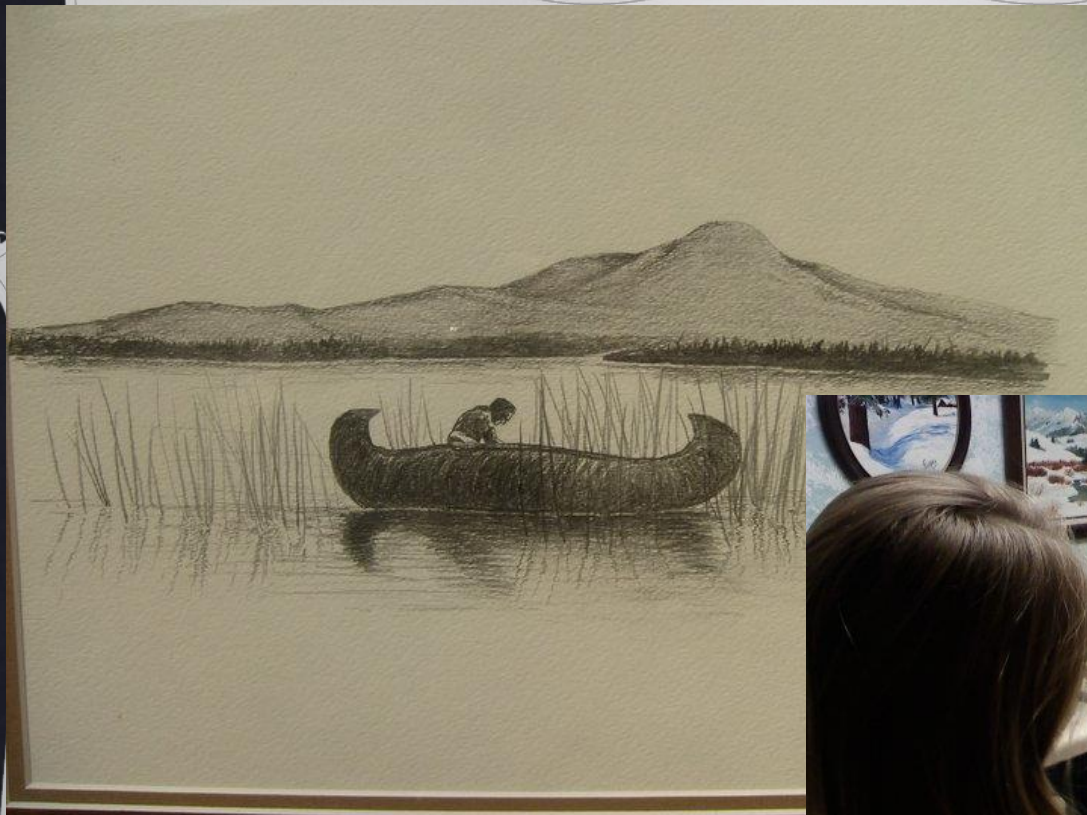


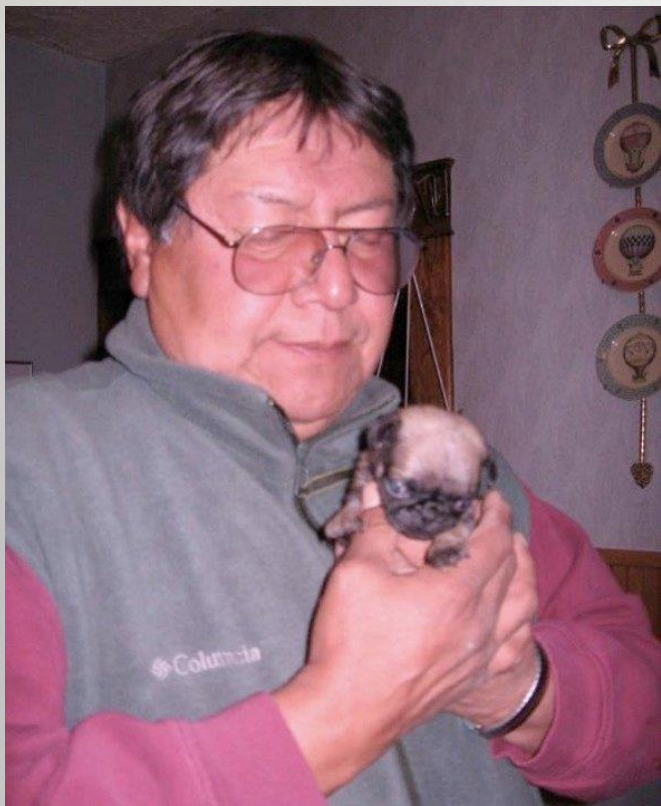












To Laugh Often and Much; To
Win the Respect of Intelligent
People and the Affection of
Children...To Leave the World a
Better place... To Know Even
One Life has Breathed Easier
Because You Have Lived. This is
to Have Succeeded.

--Ralph Waldo Emerson

