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TRUDY SYLVESTER

The Matriarch of our family, Trudy Pauline Sylvester, 75 of Morro Bay, passed away peacefully in her sleep in the early hours of December 12th with the love of her life by her side.

Trudy was born in May 1942 in San Luis Obispo to Duke and Marian Pierce, and was the oldest of four children. She wed Dick Sylvester in May 1960 and they had four daughters together. As a naturally caring and patient woman, it is fitting that she worked with young children for 37 years as a Teacher's Aide in the SLO School District. She enjoyed her job and she treasured all children. Many would agree that she was an incredible, gentle, compassionate woman, who always put others before herself.

Trudy was very artistic and her talent resonated in many ways. One better known way, was her exquisite cakes. She made cakes for 50 years for family, friends and customers. A "Trudy Cake" was well-known throughout the county and a prized staple at each of her family's celebrations. She also enjoyed painting, and created many detailed images on rocks and saw blades, which showcased her heritage as an elder of the Salinan Tribe. She was also a member, and proud supporter of the Central Coast Women of Fisheries.

Her life will forever be cherished by her devoted husband of 57 years, Richard "Dick" Sylvester; Daughters: Tina (John) Perry and Terry (Bruce) White of Paso Robles, Tammy (Ron) Ellis of Friant, and Tracie (Russell) Mitchell of Morro Bay; Brothers: Donny (Evelyn) Pierce of Atascadero, and Kenny (Mary Ann) Pierce of Coarsegold; her ten adoring grandchildren, six precious great-grandchildren, and many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. She was preceded in death by her Mother, Glenna Marian Pierce; Sister, Viki Pierce; and Father, Walter "Duke" Pierce.

Gary Macagni was born December 11, 1953 in Santa Maria California to Henry and Shirley (Pierce) Macagni. Sadly, Gary passed away on November 15, 2017. A memorial of Life was celebrated at the Macagni Ranch on November 18, 2017.

Gary attended eight years of grammar school in Guadalupe and graduated from Arroyo Grande High School in 1971. In 1973 Gary graduated from Cuesta College with an Associated Arts Degree. In 1975 Gary graduated from the University of Ca. Sacramento with a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice; He spent one year as a police officer on two different forces.

In 1979 while riding his motorcycle north on Highway 101 near the Los Osos Valley Rd. off ramp, he was hit by a car and landed under, and was ran over by an 18-wheeler. He lost both of his legs and received many blood transfusions. But this did not stop him.

From 1981 to 1983 he worked for the Santa Barbara County Probation Department. From 1983 to 1988 he was employed as an investigator for the Public Defenders Office in Santa Barbara, Ca. and from 1988-1998 he owned and operated an auto parts store, employing nine people full time.

Now retired, in 2001 Gary ran and was elected to the Salinan Tribal council. He served on the council through 2007.

Gary is survived by his mother Shirley (Pierce) Macagni, brother Danny Macagni, wife Kimberly (Miles) Macagni, son Gary Macagni 11, Daughter Marina Macagni and grandson Gary Macagni III Along with many other family members.

He was such a loving and funny guy. Always knew how to make people laugh. One of the greatest qualities was his humor. I will miss him forever but he is at peace and no more pain. By, Marina Macagni



GARY WAYNE MACAGNI

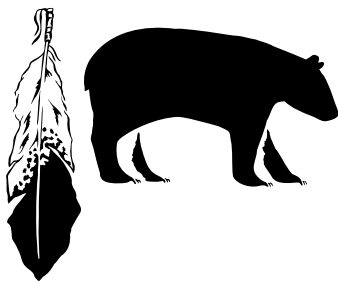
Election Results: The six candidates with the most votes and winning the council seats are Gary Pierce, Dayna Sciocchetti, Don Pierce Sr., Mary Rodgers, Bruce Flood and new to the council Don Pierce Jr. Our two Elder Council seats will again be held by John Piatti Sr. and Yvonne Ayala. They will all be formally inducted at the January Business meeting. Thanks to everyone that ran and everyone that voted.



Fort Hunter Liggett hosted: **Native American Heritage Observance** on November 30th. Colonel Kerry Norman, shown here with Salinan Elder and veteran Benito McCormack, presented a video and speech on Native American Service members.



The next General meeting will be in February



Tribal members in attendance were from left to right; Aniessa Tavena, Council member Mary Rodgers, Aniessa's son Eliajah, Benita La Tour, Benito McCormack, Colonel Terry Norman, Council member Susan Latta and Barbara Tavena.

New California Legislation passed on October 9, 2017. Governor Brown approved Assembly Bill No. 738, Chapter 614. It says in Section 1. J-k, "The state encourages the participation of pupils, community members, and members of federal and California Native American tribes in the development of a Native American studies model curriculum. Currently, the instructional resources available for use in California public schools do not include accurate historic and contemporary information concerning Native Americans in the United States and especially in California. Because this expertise resides within the tribes themselves, and effort to develop a model curriculum for Native American studies must be tribally driven. All school campuses in California are located in the traditional Tribal homelands of one or more Native American tribes. This is good news that the real facts of California history is told.

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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 29 | 1 | 2 Happy Birthday Elder Martiniana Roger | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 Tribal Business meeting 6:30pm | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| 21 | 22 | 23 Happy Birthday Elder Don Pierce Sr. Happy Birthday Elder Allen Duckworth | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Tribal business meeting is the 2nd Wednesday of each month | | | | | | |

THERE ARE NO DRUGS OR ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ALLOWED AT ANY TRIBAL EVENTS.

We have new light weight pullover sweatshirts and T-shirts in royal blue and burgundy for summer, in sizes small to 3x.

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REMEMBER TO PRAY TO kensha:nel (CREATOR) TO keeheak (PROTECT) ALL lu wa' (MEN) AND lets'e (WOMAN) SERVING IN THE WAR. AND BRING THEM Ta'ma (HOME) SAFE.

Vision of the Salinan Tribe

We, as the Salinan Tribe, follow the way of our ancestors as we walk the path of our heritage toward becoming complete individuals. We exercise our rights as a sovereign entity. We continue to reawaken our culture. Each and every tribal member has an equal voice.

We, as the Salinan Tribe, commit to honoring the rights of each and every tribal member to practice our spiritual, individual, or religious beliefs. We remember and honor our ancestors, elders, and children now and for all generations to come.

We as the Salinan Tribe, continue to gather as a tribal family.

