# C'epozaha'l The People of the Salinan Tribe

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#### **DONALD WALTER PIERCE**

Donald Walter Pierce, 76, of Atascadero, passed peacefully Friday, July 3, 2020, following a two- year battle with Bulbar ALS. There was nothing in Don's life he couldn't conquer, so he faced his illness with strength and vigor, and fought valiantly to the end. Don was born in January 1944 in San Luis Obispo to Marian and Duke Pierce and graduated from Morro Bay High School in 1962. He was the proud Owner/Operator of Don Pierce Trucking for 45 years, and drove the "#5" millions of miles, accident free.

Don will always be the "Rock" of the family. He was always there to help, encourage, and support his family and friends. His wonderful spirit for life will forever be carried on through his children and

grandchildren. He was a kind and generous soul, and will never be forgotten.

Throughout his life, Don loved fishing, hunting, scuba diving, and searching for treasures. He enjoyed raising and taking care of his desert tortoises. As a member of the Santa Lucia Rock Club, he was known for his amazing rock sculptures and jewelry.

Don was a highly respected elder of the Salinan Tribe of San Luis Obispo and Monterey Counties, which he took great pride in.

Don is survived by the love of his life, his wife of 57 years, Evelyn; children: Donna (Eric) of San Luis Obispo, Diane (Paul) of Templeton, and Donnie (Tamara) of Atascadero; grandchildren: Joshua, Jordan, Tyler (Katy), Dylan, Dean (Meena), and Silver; brother: Kenny (Mary Ann) of Coarsegold; and many other extended family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Marian and Duke Pierce, and his beloved sisters, Trudy Sylvester and Viki Pierce.

Submitted by, Diane (Pierce) Lyman

Don was dedicated to the growth and advancement of the Salinan Tribe it was his desire for the tribe to excel and further the educational and history of the Salinan people. It was his creativity that was instrumental in the building of the Tule Canoes for the reenactment of the event and the meeting of the San Salvador at Morro Bay harbor. He was a great storyteller and mentor as well as arrowhead craftsman, his instruction and leadership was a great asset to the Salinan Tribe. His dedication to the tribe was unending, and he will be greatly missed.

I will miss my brother and friend Donny.

Submitted by, Editor and Publisher of the Salinan newsletter and website.

Ken Pierce

#### **August Birthdays**

**4th** - Robert Ashley was born in Monterey county. He is the son of Dorothy Margaret Del Castillo and Robert Charles Ashley. He is the grandson of Daniel Guadalupe Ashley and Margaret Smith.

**9th** - Alison Reinhardt (Villa) was born in San Luis Obispo Ca. She is the daughter of Lloyd P. Villa and Mary J. Holzer. She is the granddaughter of Miguel Villa and Ines C. Fillipponi.

**11th** - Gerald Nash was born in Missouri. He is the son of Elizabeth Jean Pierce and Paul H. Nash. He is the grandson of Leslie Pierce and Christina Josephine Holt.

**11th** - Richard Martinez was born in Hollister Ca. He is the son of Grace Dominge Soto and Edward C. Martinez. He is the grandson of Antonio Bishop Soto and Pauline Flores.

**19th** - Suzanne (Dee Dee ) Perry (Pierce) was born is San Luis Obispo Ca. She is the daughter of Ernest R. (Skinner) Pierce and Elvira J. (Vera) DiMartini. She is the granddaughter of Katherine (Kate) McCormack and Edward R. Pierce.

**25th** - Suzanne Taylor (Pierce) was born in San Luis Obispo Ca. She is the daughter of Charles Pierce and Marianne Cole. She is the granddaughter of Katherine (Kate) McCormack and Edward R. Pierce.

If you have an elder birthday comming up, please send in a small article about them.

#### To my Salinan family and friends,

With deer season coming and our families spending more time in the rural areas to avoid each other and the virus, we need to be more mindful of whose territory we are encroaching on.

Be prepared for unexpected encounters with wildlife. Every species has its purpose. Bears, mountain lions, coyotes, and skunks are only a few of the long list of wildlife that inhabit the same areas that we like to hike, hunt and play on.

When we get rid of one species in the cycle, the rest of the cycle is out of balance. As much as I don't like spiders, they keep flying insects under control. Snakes eat rodents so when we get rid of them, we add another thing that we have to try to control. It becomes a chore to have to shoot squirrels to keep them from tearing up our pastures and crops etc. Killing birds of prey can make the mouse, rat and gopher population grow, unbalancing the natural cycle of things.

Maybe we can plan to help these helpful critters by making cover for the birds, with piles of brush for the quail and rabbits. Planting wildflowers and trees that attract bees and hawks, would be another way to help nature thrive. I think that if we are just prepared and careful, we wouldn't have to kill every spider or snake that we come across. Opossums eat ticks, cockroaches and other insects also, so let's try to avoid hitting them on the road if at all possible.

Just something to think about; Be careful and don't sit on a rock or log that would be the perfect place for a big rattlesnake to rest in the heat of the day, without checking it out first. Piles of leaves are another favorite place for shade. Guide your littles to always wait until an adult can check the area before they use it.

Have a safe summer and happy hunting. Your Salinan sister, Colleen Brown

#### Notice to all Members

If you have any changes regarding Name Changes - Marriages, Phone Numbers, Addresses or other pertinent information please send new and current information to the tribal office so we can update your information.

New event pictures and other information can be found on the tribal website.

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The Salinan Tribe is gathering tools used for leather and any scraps or pieces of fur, hide, or leather you may want to donate. We will keep a tote for projects, regalia making, and kids crafts. If you have any items to donate please take them to the a tribal event or contact the tribal office. Thank you!

August 8th - Tribal Fundraiser has been cancelled, all tribal events have been cancelled until further notice, except for the business meetings.

## **SWEET AND SOUR PORK OR CHICKEN From The Kitchen of Gertrude Beech (Girlie)**

#### Ingredients:

1 Med. Bell Pepper – sliced

1 Large Onion – wedged

2 Tbls. Veg. Oil

½ cup Honey

1/4 Cup Cider Vinegar

1 Tbls. Soy Sauce

1 Can - 8 oz. Pineapple chunks – save juice

2-3 Tbls. Cornstarch

2-3 cups Chicken or Pork – cut in cubes and brown in oven until tender.

#### Prepare:

Sauté green pepper and onion in oil until tender. Set aside.

Add honey, vinegar, soy sauce and 1 cup of water to the skillet and bring to boil.

Drain pineapple saving the juice. Set pineapple aside.

Combine cornstarch and juice, mixing a little at a time until smooth. Add it to first mixture bring it to a boil. Cook 2 – 3 minutes until thick. Add meat cook two minutes.

Stir in pineapple, Onion and Bell Pepper.

Serve over hot cooked rice.





Girlie and son Floyd

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

#### Vision of the Salinan Tribe

Ule, 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.

Ule, 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.

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



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### August 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
2	3	4 Happy Birthday Elder Robert Ashley	5	6	7	8
9 Happy Birthday Elder Alison Reinhardt	10	Happy Birthday 11 Elder Gerald Nash Happy Birthday Elder Richard Martinez	Tribal Business meeting 6:30pm	13	14	15
16	17	18	19 Happy Birthday Elder Suzanne Perry	20	21	22
23	24	25 Happy Birthday Elder Suzanne Taylor	26	27	28	29
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#### THERE ARE NO DRUGS OR ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ALLOWED AT ANY TRIBAL EVENTS.

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WE ONLY LIST THE BIRTHDAYS FOR TRIBAL ELDERS.

#### \* NO TRIBAL EVENTS IN AUGUST

We have a new T-shirt design. It comes in black and gray. Prices are Youth size s-m \$12.00, Adult - sizes s-xl \$15.00 and 1xl-3xl \$20.00. New design can be viewed on the website. www.salinantribe.com



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