



Charles Roach, Sr.

October 10, 1931 - October 4, 2012

Charles Roach, Sr. was born on October 10, 1931 in Lake Lena, Minnesota. He grew up around the Mille Lacs Reservation. Charles attended Pipestone Indian School and later served in the United States Army. Upon his discharge from the military he worked as a lumberjack and then as a semi truck driver for Garrow Trucking. Charles moved to Minneapolis in 1962 where he married Darlene Campbell and together, the couple raised six children. He then worked at Northern Auto Parts, and later opened Chucks Auto Repair across the street. While there he owned and was a crew chief of stock cars at Elko, Raceway Park, Twin Cities Speedway, and many other upper Midwest short tracks. Charles helped his sons in their racing endeavors as well. In 1972 Charles began his career as a fleet driver for the Minneapolis Star Tribune. He retired in 1995 after 21 years of service. He then returned to the Mille Lacs Reservation. Charles had a strong belief in his heritage, where he taught language and culture to the children of Nay-Ah-Shing School. On February 13, 2012 he celebrated 44 years of sobriety Original Squad 56 at 2218 1st Avenue South, Minneapolis. His infectious smile, kind ways, and impeccable fashion sense will always be remembered and missed.

Charles Roach, Sr. is survived by his wife, Darlene; sons, Charles (Ezriel) Roach, Jr., Christopher (Tracey) Roach, Sr., Bryan (Molly Rhoades) Roach, Michael Roach; daughter, Charlene Roach; brother, Jim Mitchel; sisters, Dorothy Sam, Rita Kalk; 8 grandchildren; 1 great-grandchild; and many nieces, nephews, cousins, and other family members.

Charles was preceded in death by his parents, John and Lucy (Kegg) Clark; son, Bradley Roach, Sr; grandson, Thor Bradley, Sr.; brothers, James and Norman Clark; sisters, Genevieve Dorr, Kanchill Clark, Nancy and Al (Clark) Hanson, Grace (Clark) and Raining Boyd, Rose (Clark) Premo, Mildred (Clark) Benjamin.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 7. 5:00 PM - 11:00 PM (CT)

Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Community Center
43500 Virgo Road
Onamia, MN 56359

Service

OCT 8. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Charles Roach, Sr.*

January 21, 2023 at 11:59 AM