

I'm Free

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free I'm
following the path Kechimanetowa laid for me, I
took His hand when I heard Him call I turned my
back and left it all. I could not stay another day*

*To laugh, to love, to work or play. Tasks left
undone must stay that way. I found that place at
the close of day. If my parting left a void*

*Then fill it with remembered joy. A friendship
shared, a laugh, a kiss*

*Ah, yes, these things, I too, will miss. Be not
burdened with times of sorrow. I wish you the
sunshine of tomorrow. My life's been full, I
savored much.*

*Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief; Don't
lengthen it now with undue grief, Lift up your
heart, and share with me Kechimanetowa wanted
me now, He set me free!*

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He was a father of 7 children, Stevie Saunders of Shawnee, Nickie Saunders of Prague, Russell Saunders Jr. of Oklahoma City, Darruss Saunders of Shawnee, Brena Saunders of Oklahoma City and Correna Saunders of Davenport. Russell is also survived by his sister Minnie Rochelle Masquas of Shawnee, traditional adopted sisters Lisa Ann Fixico, Jerri Harjo, brother Mike Harjo, several cousins, nephews, nieces, and 13 grandkids.

He is preceded in death by grandparents Ethel Nenaseka Mack and Arthur Mack, Harry Saunders and Emma Saunders, both parents, one son Albert Ian Saunders, two sisters Deletta Mamie Gibson and Lesley Cheryl Saunders.

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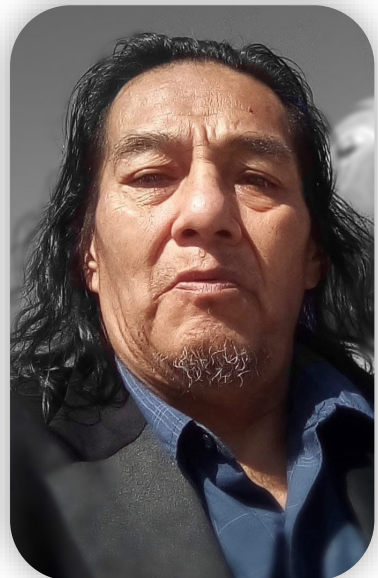
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