



# The Drum

THURSDAY, MAY 25, 2023



## Lost and Missing in Indian Country

### *Veterans in Crisis*

JANET FRANSON, FOUNDER

We wanted to take time and discuss the issue of Veterans that go missing today. Sadly, every generation that has gone to war has men and women who have answered the call and come back, broken, mentally as well as physically, because of it. I don't think the public as a whole even began to realize this until WWII when vets returned home. The phrase "War is HELL" was coined I believe for that very reason. These vets were given no help, probably because at that time no one knew how to help them. Continuing with the Korean War, more vets came back with mental issues that the government, doctors and families were unequipped to deal with. I had an uncle that was in Korea, when I was just a small child. I asked my mom, "What's WRONG with him?" She couldn't answer because she didn't know. My uncle had demons the rest of us couldn't see, and he ended up drinking himself to death because of them.

Then Vietnam came. I was a teenager and remember the evening news being covered with images of the fighting. I started with my police department in 1979 and immediately came in contact with a number of men, living on the street. From alcohol to drugs, they also received neither assistance nor empathy for what they left behind in southeast Asia. But at least, as poor as an effort it was, at least we were seeing options being offered for treatment for these vets. But there were so many and it was difficult to get them into any kind of meaningful treatment.

Now we have a whole new group of men and women who have come home from the Gulf conflicts who need our help. I will list the vets that we KNOW are vets - I am sure there are many more that have not been identified as veterans and I apologize that the list will not be complete. But we DO want to list the ones that we know

of. The beginning of dealing with any problem or issue is recognizing that there IS an issue. Vets are usually remembered twice a year, on Memorial Day and Veterans' Day. We SHOULD remember them every day, because that's what they gave to us, every day. Not only when they were serving, but every day since coming home.

"All gave some, some gave ALL."



### John Gould Missing

SAND POINT, ALASKA

John Gould was 21 years old when he went missing on April 24, 1971 in Sand Point, Alaska. He is missing from a 14' skiff while enroute from Belkofski to King Cove.

John is 5'3" tall, weighing 140 pounds, with black hair and hazel eyes.

If you have any information in regard to the disappearance of John Ronald Gould, please contact the Alaska State Troopers at 907-269-5511. Case #060025605 | NamUs MP40651



### Where is Herbert Tso Nelson?

DIXON, CALIFORNIA

Herbert Tso Nelson was 26 years old when he was last seen on January 1, 1979 in Dixon, California.

He is between 5'8" - 5'10" tall, weighing 180 pounds, with black hair, and brown eyes. He has a scar on his forehead from an injury and a mole on the right side of his nose.

If you have any information in regard to the disappearance of Herbert Nelson, please contact the Navajo Nation Police Department - Dilkon District at 928-657-8075. Case #89-0260 | NamUs MP40366



DON'T GIVE UP

## Have You Seen Merle Saul?

OMAHA, NEBRASKA

Police Department at 402-444-4127. Case #AH 54426 | NamUs MP32680

Merle Sauls was 55 years old when he went missing on October 1, 2015 in Omaha, Nebraska. At the time of his disappearance, Merle was homeless.

He has graying brown hair, and brown eyes. He is missing some of his teeth, as well as the part of the end of his nose. He is between 5'8" and 5'10" tall, weighing 150 pounds.

He has difficulty walking due to a frostbite injury to his foot. He has scars on his forehead, nose and left wrist. He also has tattoos on his left forearm, left finger, and a tattoo of the phrase "Indian born" on his left arm.

Merle was last seen wearing a green sweatshirt, a camp jacket, dark blue pants, a Veterans hat, and a black backpack.

If you have any information in regard to the disappearance of Merle Saul, please contact the Omaha Poli-



## Where is Jacob Cabinaw?

TRAVERSE CITY, MICHIGAN

Jacob Cabinaw was 31 years old when he went missing on March 31, in Traverse City, Michigan. He was last seen in the evening dropping off a friend downtown after playing frisbee golf.

Jacob has brown hair and brown eyes. He is between 5'9" and 6'1" tall, and weighing between 145 and 155 pounds. He was last seen wearing his work uniform which is a gray jacket with "Dave's Garage" printed on it, dark blue pants, and medium brown Work boots.

His vehicle is a 2002 Chevrolet Malibu aluminum/silver in color. License plate is BKQ4107, state of Michigan, expires 2010.

If you have any information in regard to the disappearance of Jacob Cabinaw, please contact the Grand Traverse County Sheriff's Department at 231-995-5000. Case #10-12303 | NamUs MP9025



## What Happened To Craig Hoskie?

PENSACOLA BEACH, FLORIDA

Craig Hoskie was last seen at the beach behind a Days Inn in Pensacola Beach Florida on April 12, 2008. He and his friends had arrived the previous day and checked into the hotel.

On the day he went missing, Craig and his friends were drinking and also decided to go swimming. One of his friends said he last saw Craig sitting on a lounge chair at the beach.

When his friend returned a couple hours later, Craig's wallet, shoes, and most of his clothes were on the beach but he could not find Craig.

Craig was a student at Pensacola's Naval Air Technical Training Center and was training to become an aviation support equipment technician.

Craig is presumed to have drowned, but his body has never been recovered.

If you have any information in the disappearance of Craig Hoskie, please contact the Escambia County Sheriff's Office at 850-436-9651. Case #008946 | NamUs MP9310



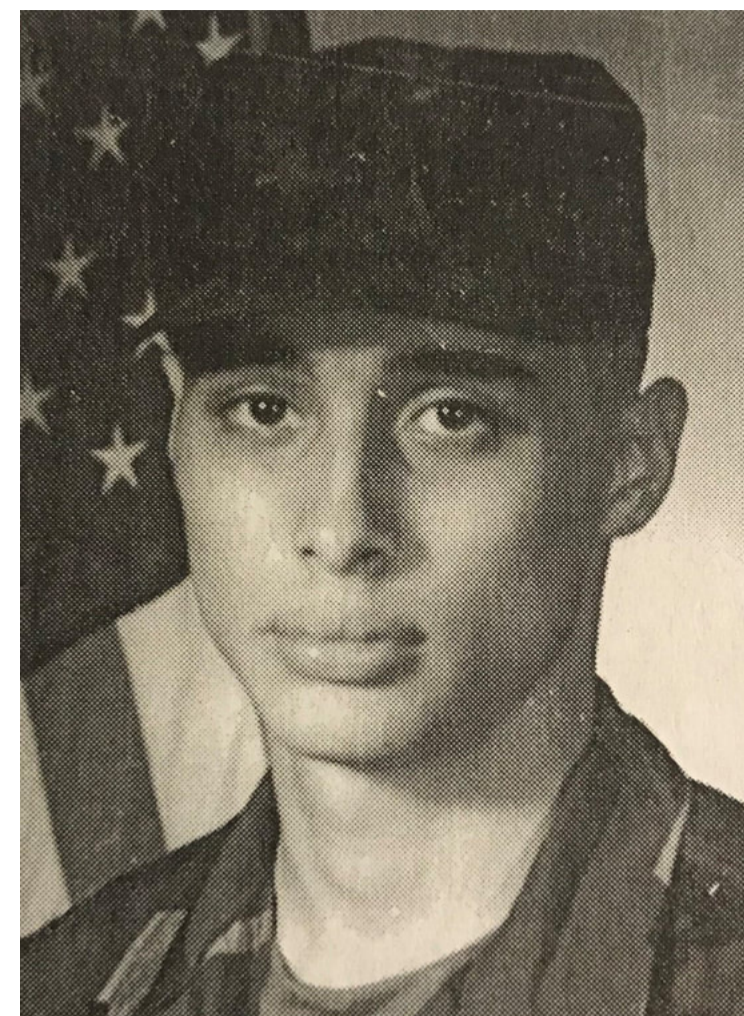
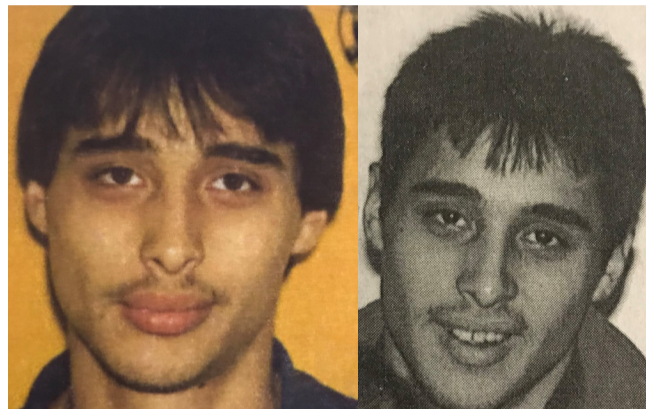
### Louis Craig Yates Missing

KLAWOCK, ALASKA

Louis was last seen on the evening of May 29, 1989 in the Klawock area. His skiff was found damaged and the gas tank empty on Peratrovich Island.

Louis was 19 years old when he went missing. He is 5'9" tall and weighs 150 pounds. He has brown hair and brown eyes. He was last seen wearing Blue jeans, white t-shirt, and a red and white jacket.

If you have information in regard to the disappearance of Louis Yates, please contact the Alaska State Troopers at 907-269-5511. Case #890036898 | NamUs MP61081



### Have You Seen Gene?

NOME, ALASKA

Gene Ozenna was last seen October 29, 1998 in Nome, Alaska while boating from Wales to Diomedede. He was traveling with four adults and one child.

Gene is 5'4" tall, weighs 130 pounds, has black hair, and brown eyes.

If you have any information in regard to the disappearance of Gene Ozenna, please contact the Alaska State Troopers at 907-269-5511. Case #980058186 | NamUs MP66561



Do you have any information on any of these (or other cases)?

You can remain anonymous with any tips you want to give.



### Where Is William Lisbourne Jr.

FAIRBANKS, ALASKA

William Lisbourne Jr. was last seen on September 16, 1988 in Fairbanks, Alaska. He was last seen in Camouflage Army fatigues while he was attempting to cross the Chena River at Fort Wainwright around 2000 hours.

William is 5'4" tall, and weighs 140 pounds. He has black hair, and brown eyes.

If you have any information in regard to the disappearance of William

Lisbourne Jr., please contact the Fairbanks Police Department at 907-450-6500. Case #88004634 | NamUs MP66604

PLEASE SPEAK UP!



### Where is Ricky Lynn Benton?

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

Ricky was last in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma around July 2019. He had missed a V.A. doctor's appointment, left behind his dogs and all of his belongings. He has not been seen or heard from since.

Ricky was 62 years old when he went missing. He has black hair, green eyes, and weighs 185 pounds.

If you have any information in regard to the disappearance of Ricky Benton, please contact the Oklahoma City Police Department at 405-297-1129. Case #19-21435 | NamUs MP65378



SOMEONE KNOWS SOMETHING!

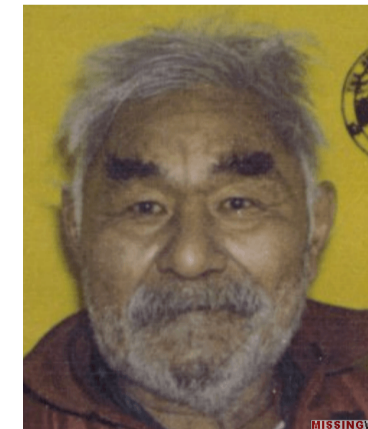
### Leonard Lane Is Missing

FAIRBANKS, ALASKA

Leonard Lane was last seen July 4, 1995 in Fairbanks, Alaska watching the 4th of July parade.

Leonard is 5'10" tall, weighs 250 pounds, has gray hair, and hazel eyes. He has scars on his back and chest from shrapnel. He also walks with a pronounced limp due to the injuries he sustained in WWII.

If you have any information in regard to the disappearance of Leonard Lane, please contact the Alaska State Troopers at 907-269-5511. Case #950064317 | NamUs MP26398



THEIR FAMILIES DESERVE ANSWERS!

# Have You Seen Them?



**Marie Hudgins - 10/20/1954**  
Santa Cruz, California



**Ida Mae Lee - 11/1/1956**  
Grand Canyon NP, Arizona



**Wacie Downing - 12/4/1956**  
Gallup, New Mexico



**Mary Begay - 8/1/1957**  
Grand Canyon NP - Arizona



**Linda Miller - 7/1/1973**  
San Rafael, California



**Teresa Davis - 11/1/1973**  
Tacoma, Washington



**Delema Sits Poor - 2/20/1974**  
Pine Ridge, South Dakota



**Carlene Brown - 7/4/1974**  
Rawlins, Wyoming



**Vern Pratt - 11/6/1961**  
Anchorage, Alaska



**Mary McLaughlin - 1/1/1965**  
Lake Odessa, Michigan



**Riley Rose - 1/1/1969**  
Sallisaw, Oklahoma



**Jacqueline Davis - 4/12/1969**  
Cherokee, North Carolina



**Gary Locklear - 9/6/1974**  
North Carleston, South Carolina



**Christine Honson - 10/4/1974**  
Grand Rapids, Michigan



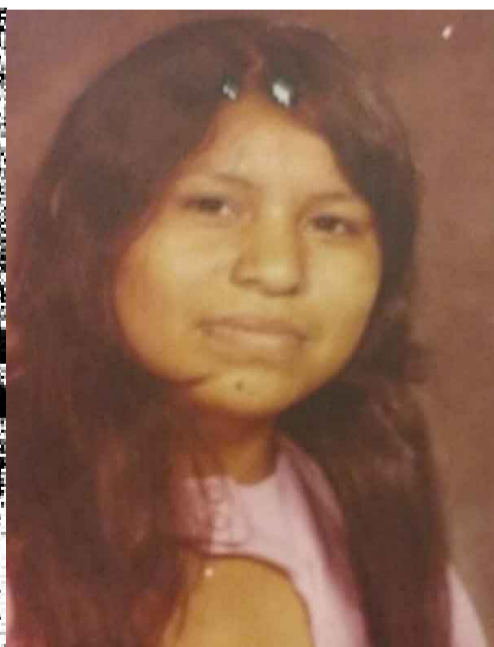
**Sonja Redbird - 1/1/1975**  
Dallas, Texas



**Aleca Manning - 2/17/1975**  
Phoenix, Arizona



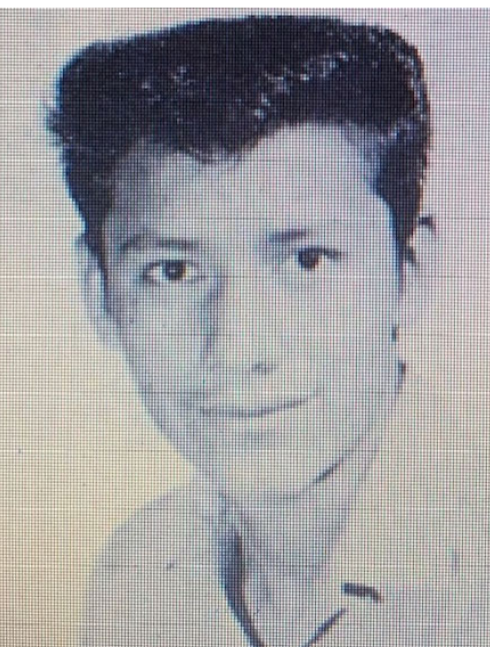
**Ann Ruth Sanchez - 1/1/1971**  
Casa Grande, Arizona



**Janice Hannigan - 3/1/1971**  
Wapato, Washington



**John Gould - 4/21/1971**  
Sand Point, Alaska



**Paul Benally - 5/1/1972**  
Winslow, Arizona



**Ida Jacomet - 10/2/1975**  
Fairbanks, Alaska



**Phyllis Berry - 11/1/1975**  
Terlingua, Texas

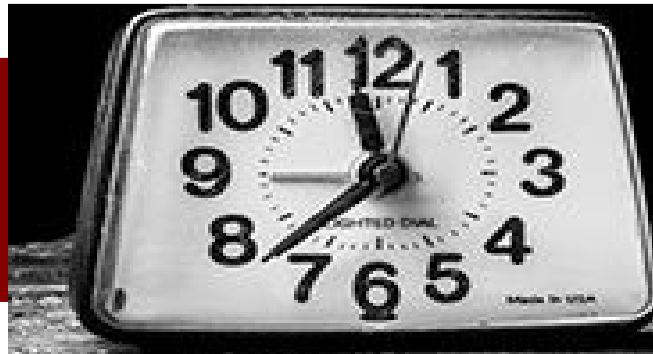


**Arile Shatswell - 6/1/1976**  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma



**Sherry Roach - 6/8/1976**  
San Mateo, California

**Don't stop looking for us.**



**The first 24 hours of a missing persons investigation is crucial.**



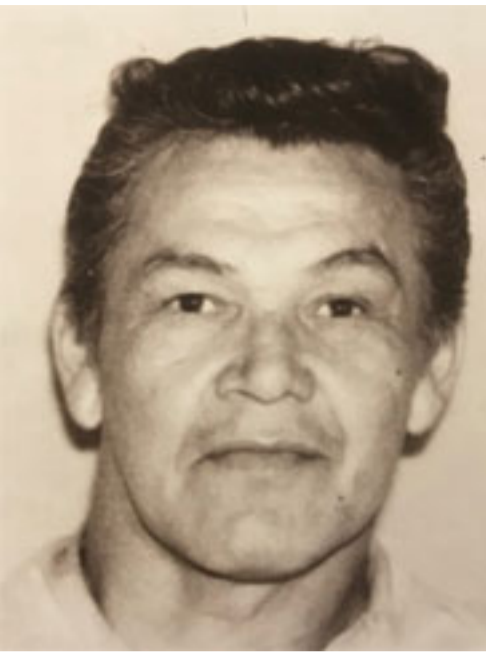
Ephrem McKindy - 10/1/1976

Aniak, Alaska



Donna Larrabee - 11/17/1976

Rapid City, South Dakota



Alvin Goodlataw - 2/7/1977

Glennallen, Alaska



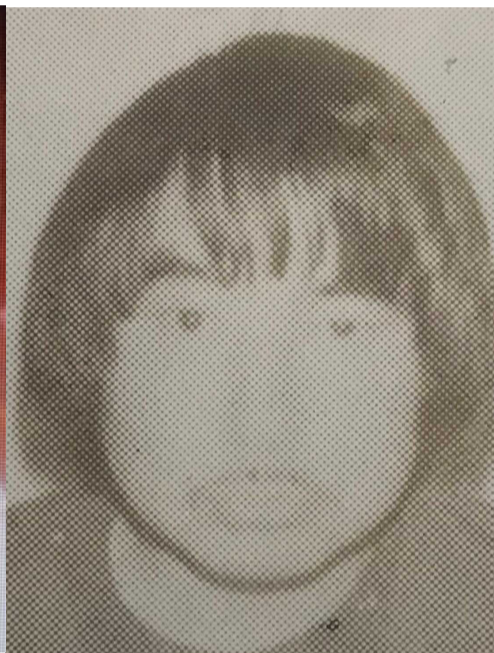
Mary Sylvestre - 9/11/1977

Palmer, Alaska



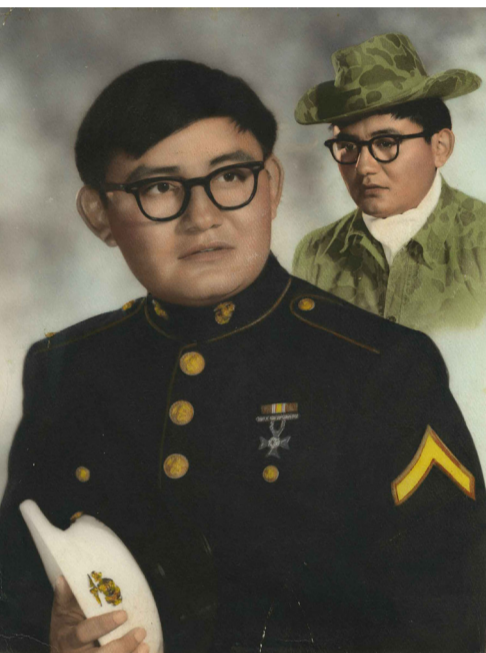
Eli Sharclane - 9/23/1977

Juneau, Alaska



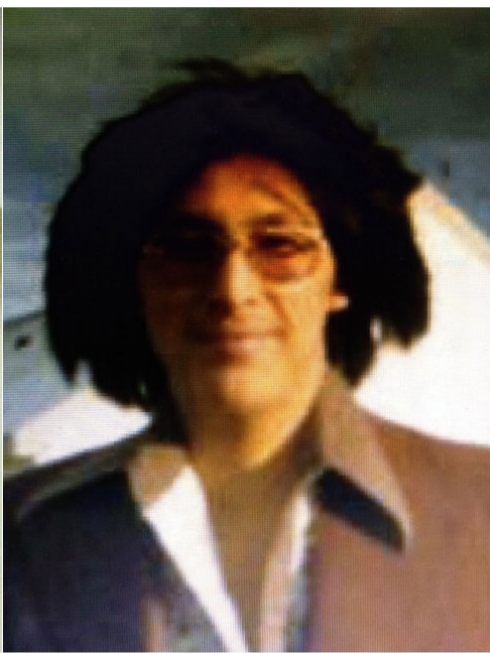
Levi Lott - 5/26/1978

Tuluksak, Alaska



Herbert Nelson - 1/1/1979

Dixon, California



Raymond Clark - 5/5/1979

Galena, Alaska



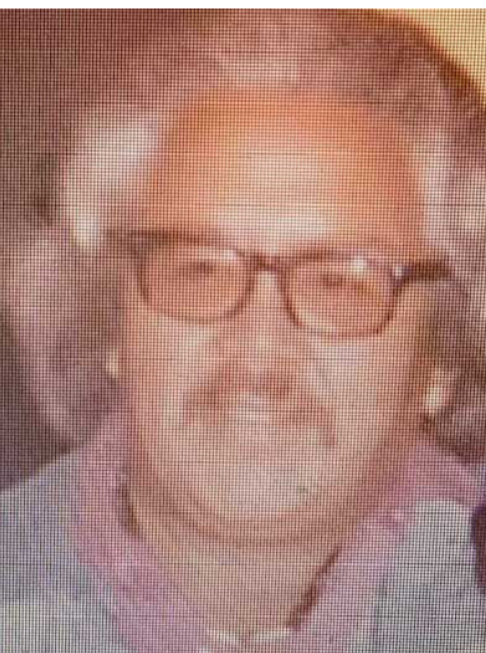
Angela Jeff - 6/24/1979

Oakland, California



Debra Otis - 6/28/1979

Anacortes, Washington



Francis Houle - 8/1/1979

Colorado Springs, Colorado



Noah Jessup - 8/1/1979

Fairbanks, Alaska



Elsie Luscier - 8/30/1979

Taholah, Washington



Carlota Sanchez - 8/30/1979

Taholah, Washington



**STRONGHEARTS**  
Native Helpline

Domestic violence and dating violence are not Native American traditions, and neither is ever okay. Speak with a StrongHearts advocate at no cost by calling 1-844-7NATIVE (1-844-762-8483) Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. CST when you are ready to reach out.

### Do You Have a Photo of Any of These Missing People?

#### ALASKA

- Emmett Noller 9/25/1960
- Leo Demoski 9/25/1960
- Bertha Demoski 9/25/1960
- Claude Demoski 9/25/1960
- Harry Pitka 9/25/1960
- Tuck Esenituk 6/1/1961
- Dennis Pungowiyi 10/1/1965
- Archie Olanna 10/19/1969
- Fanny Olanna 10/19/1969
- Ephin Chulin 11/13/1972
- Alex Inga Sr. 12/10/1974
- Alex Inga 12/10/1974
- Alfred Olick 9/8/1975
- Moses Maxie 9/8/1975
- Patrick Meganack 12/26/1976
- Antionette Bernhardt 11/21/1977
- Michael Franklin 11/23/1977
- Victor Burgess Jr. 5/6/1978
- William Hamilton Jr. 5/6/1978
- Verne Edenshaw Jr. 5/6/1978
- Nekita Kateinikoff 9/17/1978
- Roy Ayagalria 12/16/1978
- Eli Darien Sr. 9/10/1979
- Robert Uisok 8/23/1980
- Peter Ignatin 9/2/1980
- John Challiak 11/12/1980
- Billy Maud 12/1/1980
- Wayne Pitka 9/8/1982
- Justina McGlashan 3/12/1983
- Carl Jackson 12/29/1983
- Colleen Korth 6/3/1984
- John Lomack 9/9/1984
- Anna Breseman 9/13/1984
- Wassilie Alexie 10/9/1984
- Leon Nelson 10/18/1984
- Donald Charlie 11/19/1984
- Bonifacio Cantu Jr. 5/20/1985
- Julia Stettinger 8/7/1985
- Allen Jimmy 8/23/1985
- Henry Beatus Jr. 9/3/1985
- Arthur Ambrose 9/3/1985
- Frank Nelson 9/19/1985
- Walter Minano 6/26/1986
- Mary Ballantyne 7/17/1986
- Christopher Winer 7/17/1986
- Daniel Smith 7/18/1986
- Andrew Macar 7/30/1986
- Rodney Howarth 8/10/1986
- Moses Roland 9/10/1986
- Carl Nicolai 10/15/1986
- Alexie Kopuk 12/1/1986
- Anton Kochergin Jr. 4/21/1987
- Isaac Zacharof 4/21/1987
- Frank Evans 9/16/1987
- Theodore Wasky 9/21/1987
- Marvin Boliver 10/13/1987
- Daniel Oney 10/13/1987
- Thomas Duny 10/14/1987
- Ignatius Gregory Sr. 5/7/1989
- Arnold Kayutak 6/12/1989
- Seymour Tuzroyluke Jr. 12/4/1989
- Evan Zaukar 6/2/1990
- Edward Deck 10/1/1991
- Lawrence Ahmaogak Jr. 12/7/1991

#### NEBRASKA

- Chauncey Lyons 9/30/1992
- Kirby Abeita 10/10/1999
- Wade Benally 3/1/2000
- David Adams 10/14/2000
- Melissa Montoya 3/16/2001
- Garrett Goldtooth 8/2/2003
- Eugene Begay 2/1/2018
- Shane Dennison 2/1/2022
- Roderick Blanket Jr. 12/7/1991
- Steven Kozeroff 1/31/1992
- Mark Borenin 5/9/1992
- Harry Sheldon 8/28/1992
- Abraham Sharp 11/23/1992
- Patrick Burk 1/3/1994
- Tommy Snyder 8/26/1994
- Henry Luke 6/1/1995
- Gerald Silver 9/29/1995
- Theodore Bavilla 7/6/1996
- Frank Alstrom III 10/6/1998
- Edward Wise 10/31/1998
- Allen Fredericks 1/29/2001
- Jaden Evan 10/21/2001
- Milton Bunyon 3/7/2002
- Dennis Ulak 1/22/2004
- Steven Andrews 6/14/2004
- Robert Lane Jr. 8/27/2004
- Glenda Andrew 2/10/2005
- Daylon Tall 9/9/2005
- Joseph Tomaganuk 9/9/2005
- Charlene Johnson 9/22/2005
- Ciinton Abarca 7/28/2007
- Ronald Lamont 1/14/2009
- Gilbert Kilbuck 7/4/2011
- David Slwooko 9/26/2012
- Jim Napoka 10/22/2013
- William Lamont Sr. 8/5/2016
- Ronald Barr 5/12/2019

#### ARIZONA

- James Gorman 1/1/1974
- Lee Bitson 12/20/2012
- Hawk Dosla 6/1/2018
- Karma Loza 11/2/2021
- Maria Avila 12/21/2021
- Vincent Allen 10/10/2022
- Francis Benally 3/10/2023

#### ARKANSAS

- Daniel Gonzalis 3/15/2023

#### CALIFORNIA

- Lisa Thomas 8/10/1996

#### COLORADO

- Nathan Blaes 9/21/2021

#### FLORIDA

- Eichard Watchempino 4/10/1981

#### MINNESOTA

- Willson Sam 6/23/1988
- Charles Bush Jr. 12/1/1997

#### MONTANA

- Tarinia Littlelight 1/11/2022

#### NEW MEXICO

- Wade Benally 3/1/2000
- David Adams 10/14/2000
- Melissa Montoya 3/16/2001
- Garrett Goldtooth 8/2/2003
- Eugene Begay 2/1/2018
- Shane Dennison 2/1/2022

#### NEW YORK

- Mary Kohlani 6/1/2015
- Michelle Ghosh 10/28/2016

#### NORTH DAKOTA

- Leonard Brown Sr. 8/6/1994

#### OKLAHOMA

- Stephanie Chase 5/1/1995
- Texie Udell 7/22/2010
- Rhonda Anderson 6/17/2012
- Angel Torres Jr. 5/1/2013
- Bradford Delgarito 2/14/2014
- Angel Vann 9/30/2019
- Coolidge Cochran 3/25/2020
- Sindy Waysepappy 8/12/2020
- Julius Elliott 5/24/2021
- Aundrea Pickering 7/6/2021
- Johnsua Martin 9/15/2021
- Leilana Niedo 2/15/2022
- Francis Gomez 2/27/2022
- Zoey Easter 5/12/2022
- Ashlee Jones 5/27/2022
- Triston Cannady 8/2/2022
- Ryan Jones 8/3/2022
- David Williamson 9/1/2022
- Jeffrey Grass 1/9/2023
- Cienna Courtney 2/20/2023
- Daisy Shelton 2/20/2023
- Noah Belcher 2/24/2023
- Barry Simms 4/19/2023

#### OREGON

- Avery Charles 8/2/1995

#### SOUTH DAKOTA

- Doris Brings Plenty 10/19/1983
- Piper Streyle 7/29/1996
- Richard Whitecalf 7/13/2004
- Lester Hoffman 7/1/2013

#### TEXAS

- Amos Buchanan 3/9/1987

#### UTAH

- Theodore Wyasket 1/1/2007

#### VIRGINIA

- Richard Green 1/24/1995

#### WASHINGTON

- Jesse Mathews 5/19/1968
- Reba Stewart 8/15/1982
- Benito Chamorro 3/21/1992
- Daniel Sampson 10/30/1994
- Eleanor Trujillo 2/1/1996
- Jessica McDonald 9/16/1997
- Odessa White 1/22/1998

#### WEST VIRGINIA

- Anthony Jerry 12/8/2013

#### WISCONSIN

- Timothy Thompson 4/15/1982



### LMIC Posters and Flyers

If you notice we do not have a poster made for someone on our Facebook page, please contact us and we will work on making one for him or her. Our posters can be found on our Facebook page in our albums. If you do not see a poster in a specified state album, please check the initial entry and pending albums as well. If it is an NCMEC case, we share those posters.

<https://www.facebook.com/LostandMissinginIndianCountry>

# WHO IS ANTELOPE CREEK DOE?

## GORDON, NEBRASKA

GORDON, NE – After four decades, the remains of a Native woman is still buried underneath a stone etched with “Unknown” in the Gordon, Neb cemetery with no name and no family to claim her.

On October 7th, 1970, The Gordon Journal published an article speaking of how this unknown woman was discovered. They included a picture of the state that they found her body in. According to the article they stated that “a few remnants of clothing found nearby were too fragile because of time, the elements, and furnished no clues.” Since they were not able to identify her, her body is currently buried in a potter’s field in the Gordon Cemetery. A stone marks her grave with the name etched in the stone Unknown.

David Thompson was 11-years old when he first heard about the unknown woman’s remains that were found under a cement bridge two miles east of Gordon, Nebraska. Throughout his adult years he continued to wonder if they were ever able to identify this unknown woman. As more and more people began to speak up on cases of Native women that were missing and murdered, he felt the urge to speak up and reach out to people to see what can be done and what steps to take to find the identity of this woman.

Thompson has reached out to Amanda Takes War Bonnett about this unknown woman’s story and wanted to see what there is to be done. Janet Franson was also able to reach out to Takes War Bonnett as she was looking into this case as well.

Janet Franson, is a retired homicide investigator, who has many experiences in missing cases and cold cases. She is the founder of Lost and Missing in Indian

Country. The goal of the organization is to get the word out to the public about the cases and to put faces to the numbers and to be able to bring lost people home to their families.

In her career, she has worked on three cold case teams and has assisted a number of families in finding their loved ones. Franson and two assistants created the organization for awareness and to work on cases of missing Native Americans. The organization’s website and Facebook page provide ways to contact the organization or share posts concerning missing Natives and updates.

Janet has named the woman buried at Gordon, ‘Antelope Creek DOE.’ Numbers shouldn’t be used and so she calls her Antelope Creek from the nearby creek. The first goal, Franson said, is to get Antelope Creek put onto the National Missing and Unidentified Persons System (NamUs) which is a national information clearinghouse and resource center for missing, unidentified, and unclaimed person cases across the United States.

Franson has acquired the autopsy report and said, “You can’t tell what happened, but she didn’t put herself under that bridge.” According to the report, she said, she was between the age of 40 to 60 and was of Native American ethnicity. She said genetic genealogy works best for these types of cold cases.

The approximate cost of obtaining lab work and loading the DNA sample to Gedmatch and the genealogy work needed is \$6,500.00.

The cost of finding who it is that is buried underneath the stone that is etched with the name unknown would be with the DNA testing. The lesser cost would be exhuming her body for the testing.

Currently on the Oglala Sioux Tribe Victims Services Facebook page, there is a list of over 101 Missing and Murdered Oglala women of the Oglala Sioux Tribe. Some of the names have information (names and dates) but some of them are unknown or have no information on the currently.

Amanda Takes War Bonnett, of Native Women’s Society of the Great Plains, a coalition membership who work to end violence against Native women, said, “it has taken more than four decades for her to get some recognition that she has been lost and missing and we need to be her voice so she can find her way home.” She said she is someone’s mother, sister, daughter or grandma. “Somewhere out there someone missed and her wonder where she is,” she said.

Somebody has the power out there to find out who she is or even to make a start to who she is, maybe this story will reach someone who can, Takes War Bonnett said. She said back in the early 70s, there was political unrest in the area and maybe that is how her story wasn’t put out there too much for people to know.

When I read she has gray streaks in her hair, my heart hurt.” She may be a grandma, she probably still has takoja out there that wonder about their grandma.

Franson can be reached at (325) 423-2458 and is seeking any information to this case, especially to elders as they may remember something about this woman.



Brittany can be reached at brittpb4@gmail.com

**SOMEONE  
KNOWS  
SOMETHING!**

## Genetic Genealogy

### MEGAN MCWILLIAMS, LMIC

Genetic Genealogy has come so far in the last few years. With it, cold cases and even unidentified person cases are being solved. It is the new era of genealogy.

The traditional method of paper genealogy has been something I have been doing since my early teens and has continued for me for the past 25+ years.

Learning about my ancestors has always interested me and I love learning their stories. So much so, I have ‘cards’ of my ancestors and information about them.

Along with traditional genealogy, comes Genetic Genealogy. In that, you can discover something new and different. One of the first things I remember when I started with learning about Genetic Genealogy was realizing that none of my DNA matches had my surname. Knowing I matched my father because he also did a DNA test, that could only mean one thing. There was an NPE (non parental event) in my family....somewhere. So I had to follow the DNA trail, instead of the paper trail.

By following the DNA trail, it led me to three brothers possibly being my father’s paternal grandfather. It would be another year later until I could determine which brother was my great-grandfather, when another person tested confirming which ‘branch’ to follow and all it took was that one person to test and confirm who was my biological great-grandfather.

It can be challenging, in that your

results with your DNA test is only as good as your matches. There are some cases that have really great matches and then others, where you have to wait a while until someone down a branch takes a test to help confirm or disprove a branch. Just like when I had to wait for a descendant to test down one of the three brothers line to confirm who was my greatgrandfather.

Another case that was challenging was an adoptee case, in that it was two generations of adoptions. But it can be done.

While on this Genetic Genealogy kick, my sister and I started Genetics Uncovered. Helping adoptees and even NPE cases look for their families. In the hopes we can eventually help unidentified individuals find their way home.

It was a little over a year ago, I put together an introductory course in Genetic Genealogy for the crime lab and it was eye opening for what it was able to do and I am forever grateful for that opportunity.

There are a great number of unidentified individuals out there, and their cases are just waiting to be solved. But I want to take you back to my greatgrandfather. It took that one person to test to confirm who he was....what if someone is waiting for you to test. Can you say, you know all of your second cousins? Third cousins? Great-Great Aunt or Uncle? How about a first cousin 2 times removed?

Your DNA could have the power to identify someone. In order for more cold cases to be solved, more people need to test and upload their raw Ancestry DNA

to platforms that law enforcement agencies are able to use, ie. Gedmatch.

These tests can be a little expensive; however, Ancestry always has these kits on sale during the holidays. I highly recommend purchasing the Ancestry DNA kit when it is on sale.

If you’ve decided to take this step, and you’ve ordered your kit and sent in your results, once you get your results back you can upload your raw Ancestry DNA to Gedmatch and FamilyTreeDNA. These sites allow you to see more matches to your DNA, and these are two platforms used by Law Enforcement agencies when using Genetic Genealogy to identify an unidentified individual.

If you need help unloading your raw Ancestry DNA file to Gedmatch or FamilyTreeDNA, reach out to Genetics Uncovered on Facebook and we will be happy to help!



**My husband has just been diagnosed with cancer. After serving others for 43 years in various capacities - street cop - Missing person investigator - Homicide and cold case investigator - I am now starting a new journey that I would not wish on anyone. I hope ya'll understand that I will be concentrating all my efforts on the man who has been by my side and supported me in everything I did, for the past 29 years.**

**I hope that if you think of me, it will be in a kind way and that you can say, "She did her part".**

**NEVER SURRENDER in anything you do ~ Janet Franson**

