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MOURNING THE PASSING OF ELDER AND EDUCATOR BERNARD SIQUIEROS
Details on Celebration of Life Services Will Be Forthcoming

SELLS, Ariz. – On behalf of the Executive Office and the entire Tohono O’odham Nation, we were saddened to learn of the passing of Bernard G. Siquieros, on January 4, 2024. Bernard was a former Curator of Education for the Tohono O’odham Nation Cultural Center and Museum Himdag Ki: Hekihu, Hemu, Im B I-Ha’ap, (Retired).

Bernard was an educator who dedicated his life to the study, preservation, and celebration of O’odham history, language and culture. Throughout his career, Bernard served as counselor, researcher, program coordinator, and education administrator for education entities on and off the Tohono O’odham Nation.

As the Project Administrator for Himdag Ki:, he was responsible for all aspects of the development and completion of the Cultural Center and Museum in 2007. Shortly thereafter, he was offered the position of Curator of Education at Himdag Ki:, where he served until his retirement in 2019. Throughout his tenure, he was tirelessly involved in efforts to protect, preserve, and celebrate O’odham Himdag through activities and exhibits at Himdag Ki:, and in the community.

He provided frequent presentations and other educational activities for the Nation and to neighboring communities on O’odham history and culture.

Bernard’s passing is an enormous loss for the Tohono O’odham Nation. But his tireless work to preserve and promote our history, our language, and our traditions, and to help expand education opportunities for O’odham, is an incredible legacy that will continue to make a difference for generations to come.

On behalf of the Tohono O’odham Nation, we offer our deepest condolences to his wife Regina, family and friends. In this very difficult time, please join us in keeping Bernard and his loved ones in our prayers and hearts.

PLEASE NOTE: The Executive Office of the Tohono O’odham Nation has been informed by the family that a Memorial Service is pending. Details of a Celebration of Life are forthcoming. Please respect his wishes and his family as they are mourning this great loss and preparing to honor his wishes with a Celebration of Life. When particulars are finalized, information will be shared to the public. This information was respectfully shared per the family.

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Verlon M. Jose, Chairman

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Carla L. Johnson, Vice Chairwoman

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