

# *Fred Abeita*

## **Obituary**



Fred Abeita passed away on December 1, 2021.

Fred is survived by his wife, Mary, of 38 years, son Aaron (spouse Erika and granddaughter Catalina) and daughter Hannah along with his four sisters (Josephine Dyea, Laura Rodovan, Pamela Mason, and Grace Martinez). Fred is preceded in death by his mother (Daisy) and father (Frederick), three brothers Lewis, Steven, Raymond Abeita and Sisters Ruth (Terry) Ortiz, Victoria Anne (Vicky) Abeita, and Wilma (Billie) Abeita.

Fred was a part of the Laguna Pueblo Tribe and was very proud of his Native American heritage.

Fred started out working on June 23, 1978 for Santa Fe. He was employed there for over 43 years, injury free, retiring in July 2021. His career spanned a variety of titles, but he enjoyed most being a painter, ultimately becoming the sole engine painter for BNSF, using professionalism in every task he completed.

Fred was born in Barstow and graduated from Kennedy High School in May 1977. In his free time he had a passion for coaching that began in 1978 with his nephews, and continued with his son and daughter through their sporting careers. Fred was an exceptional golfer and even better hunter of big game animals (elk and deer).

Fred was ordained and licensed on Sept 23, 2012 as a Deacon of Bethany Christian Fellowship. He attended and assisted at Total Restoration Church, Barstow, CA.

The Celebration of Life will be held on January 8, 2022 at 2 pm at the Barstow Church of God in Christ, 1375 Bishop Nathaniel Jones Jr. Way, Barstow CA. Given the timing and anticipated attendance, no food or drink will be served. The family are requesting, in lieu of flowers, that attendees share lasting testimonials in the form of cards with thoughts or stories of how Fred and his family may have touched you or the lives of someone you know.

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