

Kickapoo Reservation, KS

Fredrick R. "Anwahbe" Thomas, Jr., 37, of the Kickapoo Reservation of Horton, died shortly after arrival at the Marshalltown, Iowa hospital.

He was born August 7, 1974, at Hiawatha, the son of Fredrick Sr. and Larene Hale Thomas and had made his home on the Kickapoo Reservation all of his life. He attended Powhattan, Horton, Everest schools, later graduating from Kickapoo Nation School in 1994. Anwahbe worked security at the Golden Eagle Casino when it first opened prior to working for the Kickapoo Fire Department. He was later a cultural advisor for the Kickapoo Boys & Girls Club and at the Kickapoo Nation School.

Anwahbe was a member of the Kickapoo Tribe of Kansas; and of the Drum Religion. He was a member of "Whistling Wind" Drum Group. He liked to bowl, play volleyball, and enjoyed following KU basketball and football. He loved to travel and attend pow wows. Anwahbe was active in his traditional drum services and loved to sing. He was an avid racecar fan: watching NASCAR, the Sprints, modified models, especially liked the demo's!

Survivors include his wife January Thomas of Winnebago, Nebraska; four daughters: Arizona Clement-Thomas, Okoonii Thomas, Netaanese Thomas, all of Horton, September Thomas of Winnebago, Nebraska; his parents Fredrick and Larene Thomas of Horton; and a brother Victor Thomas, also of Horton; a nephew Mason Elkriver Thomas; numerous relatives, nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Anwahbe will lie in state at the home of Jr. Thomas, 837 K 20 Highway, Horton after 9 a.m. Monday and where the family will meet with friends from 6 until 8 that evening. Drum services will be held Tuesday evening also at the Thomas Home. Burial will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday morning at the Lena Mason Family Cemetery, nearby.

A special message may be sent to the family at www.chapeloaksfuneralhome.com