



Norman DeOcampo

September 19, 1942 - October 7, 2024

Norman “Wounded Knee” DeOcampo, a revered elder of the Miwok Tribe and a prolific leader in the fight to protect sacred Native American sites across California, passed away peacefully, at home, surrounded by loved ones, at the age of 82 on October 7th, 2024 in Clayton, Ca. His profound impact on the Native American Indian Movement (AIM) and his unwavering commitment to justice for Indigenous peoples will be cherished and remembered by all who had the privilege to know him.

Born on November 19th, 1942 in Fairfield, Ca, Wounded Knee was a beacon of hope and resilience for his community. As a spiritual leader, he guided countless individuals on their journeys toward healing and empowerment, drawing upon the deep traditions and teachings of his ancestors. His wisdom was a source of strength, and his compassion knew no bounds. Throughout his life, Wounded Knee exemplified the spirit of endurance and determination. He completed “The Longest Walk” across America five times, a testament to his unwavering dedication to the cause of Native American rights and environmental justice. Alongside notable advocates such as Muhammad Ali and Marlon Brando, he raised awareness and support for the struggles faced by Indigenous peoples, using his platform to amplify their voices and stories. Wounded Knee was not only a tireless activist but also a loving husband, father, grandfather, and friend. He instilled the values of courage, respect, and unity in his family, encouraging them to honor their heritage and fight for what is right. His stories, filled with laughter and wisdom, will continue to inspire

future generations.

He is survived by his wife of 25 years, Linda DeOcampo, his surviving siblings, Tino, Willie and David. Wounded Knee is also survived by his children, Norman Jr, Brandy, Teka, and Jason. Wounded Knee was a loving stepfather to Tina, Diane, Rodney, and Lynnette, as well as a loving grandfather to multiple grand children and great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held on 11/02/2024 at The First Congressional Church of Oakland, located at 2501 Harrison St., Oakland, Ca. from 12PM to 4PM where friends, family, and community members are invited to celebrate his remarkable life and share his spirit through their memories.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Sogorea Te' Land Trust, continuing Wounded Knee's mission of supporting Indigenous rights, sacred lands and communities.

Norman "Wounded Knee" DeOcampo's spirit will forever resonate in the hearts of those he touched. His legacy of resilience and compassion will inspire many to continue the fight for justice and equality. We honor him not only as a leader but as a warrior of peace and love, dedicated to protecting the sacred lands and traditions of his people.

Tribute Wall



“ *He was my first love when I was 14 and will be my last. You are a hard act to follow my love. Always your Linda Foote* ❤️

Linda DeOcampo - April 24 at 05:05 PM