

Former board member Bob LaPoint walks on November 4



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Sault Tribe lost a beloved leader on Nov. 4 of this year, when former board member Bob LaPoint walked on. Bob represented our Unit II district from 1998 until his retirement from office in 2010. I ran for his vacant seat that year and I am deeply appreciative of the wisdom, support and encouragement he gave to me.

Bob was loved by many in his community and throughout the tribe. He always made time for people and many folks would attend tribal board meetings simply to visit with him and enjoy

his fellowship. He was gentle and kind and always kept his sense of humor. Bob was one of the first non-immediate tribal family members I met when my husband and I returned home to Cedarville. I think I contacted him as my unit representative for some general information. He offered to stop by and thus began many thoughtful conversations over coffee about family, community and tribal government.

Bob was a military veteran who served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He served the tribe well with his honor, wisdom and kindness. Bob was a strong spirited ogichidaa and protector of the people. His service was recognized and honored at the Nov. 7 Veterans Powwow with prayers that his legacy of leadership and respect will carry on in our tribe.

Prayers and condolences to his wife Pat and their children and grandchildren. O chi miigwech to Bob. You will be missed.

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