



## Virginia M. BigSoldier-Wells

July 9, 1978 - July 29, 2023

Virginia M. BigSoldier-Wells started the next step of her journey on July 29, 2023. She passed away at the Cedar City Valley View Medical Center with her loved ones around her. Virginia was born on July 9, 1978, in St George, UT. She was the first child of John and Dolly BigSoldier. She was proud to be the big sister to her 4 siblings and accepted responsibility to be a leader in the family. Her and her siblings grew up on the Shivwits Indian Reservation among many family members, where she learned traditional Paiute ways. Her Southern Paiute Shivwits and Ho-Chunk Nation heritage was a strong part of who she was. She attended Santa Clara Elementary, Cedar High School and Sherman Inian High School (California) and later studied at Weber State University. While attending Cedar High School she was part of the Fakahua family. She loved to learn and excelled in academics and sports.

Two marriages and 8 children created her beautiful family. She married Saul Martinez Sr and later Dave Wells. Her children Isaiah, Gissella, Junior, Victor, Leanna, Hunter, Sidney and Neveah held a special place in her heart.

She spent time in many places Shivwits, Cedar City, Towaoc, California, Salt Lake City and Las Vegas to name a few. Notably was her last home she shared with her buddy Elvis. No matter where she was or how hard life got, she found a way to survive. She was a friend to many and her no-nonsense, strong, humorous personality will be missed by all who knew her.

She is proceeded in death by her parents, sons Isaiah and Sidney and brother Winslow. She is survived by her children and siblings Serena, Trenton

(Michelle), Joni (Greg) and many special nieces and nephews.

An all-night sing will be held on Saturday, August 5, 2023 beginning at 3:30 p.m. at the Shivwits Gymnasium. Graveside services be held on Sunday, August 6, 2023, at 6:30 a.m. at the Shivwits Cemetery.

Family and friends are invited to share tributes online. Arrangements and memorial tree planting by Serenity Funeral Home of Southern Utah, 435-986-9100.

# Previous Events

## All Night Sing

AUG 5. 3:30 PM (MT)

Shivwits Gymnasium  
3684 North 6100 W  
Ivins, UT 84738  
(435) 586-1122

## Graveside Service

AUG 6. 6:30 AM (MT)

Shivwits Paiute Cemetery  
Shivwits Indian Reservation, UT

# Tribute Wall

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*Constance Lehi*

*10 hours ago*

*Sending condolences 🌸 to the BigSoldier*

*Family, my nephew Hunter and niece Neveah*

*for the loss of their mother, Virg”, ”Eisha” as we knew her, this came as a shock, never would I have expected this as Virg was a very strong woman, nothing stood in her way or kept her down. Always a smile and joking around.. we enjoyed you and your presence in the family. It went well until the no good came about.. but no matter what we managed to get through that and still remained in contact through the thick and thin...she always reached out checking on her babies, making sure we kept in touch with them, she so wanted for me to get them...she always was worried about them.. she loved my son’s, her nephews Jakee and Jr. Always wanting to defend them...She will be missed, she no longer is suffering or hurting... May she rest in peace with her loved ones. Thanks Virg for the good times, tough times ... we loved you ... Constance Lehi and Family*



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**Constance Lehi** - August 05, 2023 at 08:41 AM

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*Thank you, Virginia M. BigSoldier-Wells for sharing your life, as a little girl with your cousins. You had such a big heart, I will always cherish the memories. I am sending prayers for your family and children during this time of mourning. Love and Respect. The John and Never-Miss-A-Shot Family*



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**Sandra** - August 04, 2023 at 05:12 PM

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**Constance Lehi** - August 04, 2023 at 10:10 PM