

BELOVED TRIBAL BAND

LEADER PASSES :

Starr Thunderfoot Macauly, Chief of the Buffalo Creek Band of the Southeastern Cherokee Council, based in Sevier County, Tennessee, crossed through the Western Gate of her life's medicine wheel February 28, 2013. She also operated the Spirit Of The White Buffalo Native American style hand crafts in her shop near Sevierville, Tennessee.



Starr Thunderfoot Macauly

Chief Thunderfoot was known for her compassion for the underprivileged of all classes, her food pantry and clothing pantry. She was a traditional Native American in her philosophy of life and was always trying to direct people towards "walking the Red Road", "connecting the dots", and searching out their own personal Native ancestry. Chief Thunderfoot loved to teach people about Native culture was often seen at public events to present the philosophy of Cherokee and other Native peoples.



Thunderfoot With Best Friend Tony Keeper Of The Family Fire.

Testimonials by others:

"What a wonderful, knowledgeable, joyous person and leader she was and still remains" Larry Thacker of Lincoln Memorial University, Harrogate, Tenn.

"She will surely be missed by so many people as she touched so many lives over the years of helping anyone in need. R.I.P. Thunderfoot" Joy Murray, tribal member.



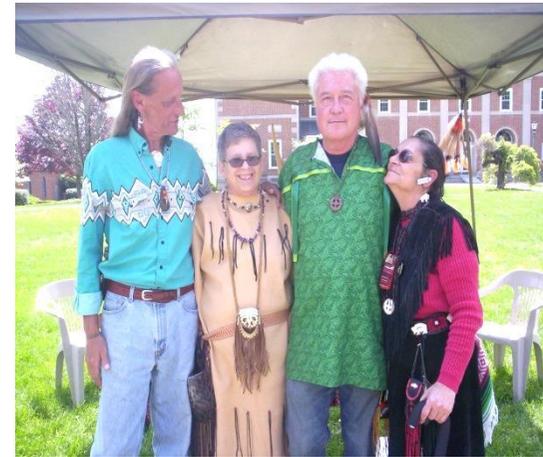
Above: Thunderfoot at Christmas party.



Above: Thunderfoot demonstrating community drum at Lincoln Memorial University on Earth Day.

Starr Thunderfoot made great accomplishments in life, especially in consideration of the fact of her suffering Cerebral Palsy as an infant which left her partially deaf and with the need to wear leg braces.

She had a playful and capricious personality, always delighting in teasing and her pretended "flirtations". Only 5 feet tall, she was still nobody to trifle with, thus earning the name "Thunderfoot".



Above: Thunderfoot (on right) with other tribal members at participation at Earth Day at Lincoln Memorial University.

Testimonial: "She was the greatest person I ever met in my life". Daniel Justice of Georgetown, Tennessee.



New Officers Elected For Buffalo Creek Band :

Specially called tribal band elections were called for and conducted in Sevier County, Tennessee to elect a new Chief and Council for Buffalo Creek Band.

The new band officers are as follows:

Band Chief: Caitlin Dancing Eagle Bear Turner.

Band Vice Chief: Michael Moody.

Band Secretary: Mary Midnight Mountain Rain Fox.

Band Treasurer: Gary Dancing Bear Bitler

The entire Southeastern Cherokee Council unites in wishing these new officers the best of luck and wisdom as they guide this prominent tribal band into the future.

