



## Bryan Jay Hudson Jr.

June 7, 1978 - December 28, 2023

Bryan Jay Hudson Jr., 45, of Bloomington passed away on Thursday December 28, 2023 at the IU Health Bloomington Hospital.

He was born on June 7, 1978 in Coos Bay, Oregon the son of Bryan Jay and Julie Ann (Smith) Hudson. He was a 1996 graduate of North Bend Senior High School in North Bend, Oregon. He went on and graduated in 2003 from the University of Oregon with his bachelor's degree in Native America Linguistics, and also attended the university of Utah.

Bryan professional life started as an English teacher at Susong High School in Seoul Korea, and then he was a second-grade teacher at Chief Tahgee Elementary School in Fort Hill, Idaho teaching the Shoshone language. He was also the Adjunct Instructor of Anthropology at Idaho State University, he then went to work for The Language Conservancy as a Numic Linguist which brought him to Bloomington.

He loved his family and loved spending time with them. He enjoyed playing native hand games, traveling, cooking, playing native drums and singing, and he loved learning he was always studying something. He will be greatly missed by all his family and friends.

Bryan is survived by his parents, Bryan Sr. & Julie Ann Hudson of Coos Bay,

OR; two sisters, Yvonne (Paul) Elkins of Cottage Bay, OR; Charla (Chris) Bryant of Tucson AZ; four nieces and nephews, Josh Hughes; Shalyn Steffel; Marissa Morrison and Alexis Rodriguez; His aunts and uncles, Margo Erickson; Julie Hudson; Linda (Mike) Gibson; Gogi (Tim) Lobato and John Smith; and cousins, Angela; David; Jillian; Nate; John; Shane; Justin; Jamie and Cory.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Dave and Lucinda Hudson; and Margaret Ball; a cousin, Bernard Smith; and his uncle, David Hudson Jr.

No services are scheduled at this time. Cremation Rites have been accorded.

Allen Funeral Home and Crematory have been entrusted with arrangements. Online condolences, photos and memories may be shared with family and friends at [www.allencares.com](http://www.allencares.com)

# Tribute Wall

SE

“ Bryan, I only heard about your passing recently. I am so heartbroken; I always thought our reunion was right around the corner. I will miss your singing, whether Shoshone songs or Korean trot. What a warm, generous, and bright person you were to all of us during those Eugene days. I learned so much from you.

I have a story for you. I met Juyeon ohnni recently, and I told her that you had passed. We talked about how shiny a person you were, how you lit up the room wherever you went. We were picking up dinner at the supermarket and spied a few sacks of raw oysters. Low and behold, they were from Coos Bay. I am certain that you heard us talking about you that day. I know that you understood both languages we were speaking, too! We miss you so dearly. I send my deepest condolences to your family and friends.

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**Serenity** - March 24, 2025 at 09:12 AM

FF

“ RIP mane Primeval legend

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**Ferdinand Focus** - February 21, 2025 at 05:59 PM

EF

“ I attended your memorial this weekend, daw. I saw first hand what I already knew. You brightened so many peoples lives. Not only that, you connected so many people who would have never met if not for Ada' Bry saying "come to Nevada with me, let's go handgame, come to Idaho, I want to take you to ceremony, I want you to meet this person, let's go to Bear Dance, Warm Dance, Powwow, you gotta meet (so many people!), I wanna hear you girls sing together, hey learn this song (and this one, and that one, and these too!)." I didn't get it back then, what our road trips really were. You connected people on purpose, you taught, you encouraged. You knew we would continue the work. You sacrificed so much so you could do what you were put here for. Home was always too far away, but you were meant to do great things and to do it well meant you had to travel. I still have your jar of Asian pear butter btw, just waiting on you to send me your address.....

You would teach me newe and then look at me all appalled "kai semme yukwinna, don't talk like that! You're gonna get me in trouble!" 🙄

I was so fortunate to walk this earth for 29 years with you, Dawi.... I know life wasn't always easy. Your big ole heart has been through a lot, not all of it easy. But no matter what, you kept going. Literally as long as you could. The language, the ceremonies...it was so important to you that we learn, preserve and protect. We will. I love you Dawi, safe travels.

Bazi

*Pennikku en kwijo'naingande use emishen nahando'i.  
Life is what you make of it*

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Eden Ferrell - June 05, 2024 at 01:02 PM

WL

“ From the moment you offered prayers for a family close to our heart that many years ago and never forgot 🙏❤️  
Never forgotten ❤️

Wanda Lang - June 02, 2024 at 01:34 PM

NR

“ Bryan, I just found out that you have passed away. I'm thankful, that I got the opportunity to have met you and shared some time with you.  
RIP HANDSOME!



Nathan Reidle - February 18, 2024 at 07:53 PM

JT

“ Bryan in the brief time I was blessed to touch a star you owned my soul. The world will never be so bright again. About your heart, liked it. I liked it in the oldest way.

Jonathan Thompson - February 06, 2024 at 12:19 AM

JT

*in the brief time I was blessed to touch a star, you owned what was left of my soul forever. The world we truly never be as bright again. Concerning your heart. I liked it. I liked it in the oldest way. If I could pray it would be to your God. That we could laugh or even fight just once more somewhere in time.  
It's hard to believe you have been gone almost a year. The hole in my heart will never heal. I think of you every day.*

Jonathan Thompson - December 20, 2024 at 10:55 PM

GB

“ So many memories! Holding you and your loved ones in our prayers. Our hearts are heavy missing you. You will always be part of our lives.

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**gemma & bear** - January 11, 2024 at 01:05 AM



“ The world lost another bright soul. Bryan was a few years older than my children and always kind to them as they grew up in camp. When we visited the University of Oregon campus we were surprised to find he was a keynote speaker for the visiting high school students. He invited my son on stage and introduced him as a ceremonial brother. They would both eagle scouts, college graduates, and bright young men. As Bryan became fluent in his tribal language, he shared his abilities with others. While he was working in Korea he told me that he found some similarities in the way their language was spoken. When I told him I had a few Shoshone students, he began sending me recordings of traditional songs to share with them. I enjoyed hearing them so much. During Covid he made it more bearable by inviting me to zoom with the Good Shepard Church and hear him and others sing songs of hope and faith I lean on the promise that we will see him again. Good journey Bryan.

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**Juliana Marez** - January 04, 2024 at 09:19 AM

HB

“ *Bry, Bry. I miss you so much already. We are headed to SLC next week to look into the Archives and you would've been our main contact. Memories of you are embedded in my heart. Our days hanging out in Portland while you lived there. Spending Thanksgiving with you in SLC and the ham dinner you cooked before heading out to Fort Duchesne to play Handgame. Your visits to Nevada, staying up late singing and listening to music. Whether it be Handgame songs, Korean traditional tunes, Shoshone, Paiute or Comanche, we listened to it all. Your chef skills while staying with you in Pocatello...I can go on and on. Most of all, I will miss your heart for teaching the language and your willingness to share. Love you Bryan. Prayers for your family and all of your friends. See you on the other side.*

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**Heidi Barlese** - January 03, 2024 at 09:20 PM



“ *safe journey old friend. thanks for all the songs and talk and teachings shared over the years, from the silliness on the bus to the really deep stuff. your memory will be a blessing, in all the languages you helped foster and preserve. til our trails cross again*



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**Kismit Jax** - January 03, 2024 at 07:34 PM

GJ

“ Bryan was a good friend and we called each other brothers. He use to come to my house in Battle Mountain Nevada for Christmas. He always told me my mother in law made the best tomales ever he always missed them. We always told about our tradition from sweats , Sundance and different ceremonies. We always shared Sundance songs and ceremony songs and always handgame songs. We even talked about if one of us leave this earth we were going to be there for one another to do each other services and how we won't it. I told him I was going to go first since I was way older them him he just laughed. I am sure going to miss is called and tex when he was going to send me a song. He was sure a amazing guy. He will always be in my heart forever tell we meet again my brother.

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**Gelford Jim** - January 03, 2024 at 06:30 PM

RT

“ My life as a Sosohni Taikwa teacher is brighter because of Bryan Hudson Jr. I am eternally grateful for his knowledge and teachings. Uuse!

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**Rubena Tillman** - January 03, 2024 at 05:34 PM

TT

“ My favorite memory would have to be when he stayed at my house in Duckwater while being my handgame Director he took out his laptop found his songs and him and I was just singing our handgame songs all loud and proud. And he was one to tell me and my kids that when we sing we are to sing loud and to never be ashamed of singing our songs. Many more memories but this was my fav. He cooked us burritos that next morning and so my son called him “uncle Bryan the one who made me a burrito with an avacado” lol He will forever be missed I'll miss my songs he used to send me all the time. Much respect and love Cuz Bryan. We'll miss you 🥹

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**Tilly Thompson** - January 03, 2024 at 04:59 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Bryan Jay Hudson Jr..



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January 03, 2024 at 04:53 PM



“ *Love always Tilly, Miah & Derik Thompson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bryan Jay Hudson Jr..*

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**Love always Tilly, Miah & Derik Thompson** - January 03, 2024 at 04:53 PM