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CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF THE COLVILLE RESERVATION

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### **The Colville Tribes Notes the Passing of Doll Watt-Palmanteer**

**(Nespelem, WA)** — The Colville Tribes is saddened to announce the passing of Colville Tribal member Doll Watt-Palmanteer. She served on the Colville Business Council from 1990-1994 and 1996-2001.

Doll earned a Master's Degree in Education from Eastern Washington University and was passionate about education. She worked as an educator in Omak, Inchelium and at Paschal Sherman Indian School. She championed youth programs such as Johnson O'Malley and worked hard to integrate tribal culture into education, such as with in-school Culture Clubs.

Doll often served as an emissary from the Colville Tribes to Washington, D.C. and had an opportunity to meet with then-President Bill Clinton, Senator Ted Kennedy and various officials with the Department of the Interior. Her colleague Mel Tonasket remembers her as a committed Councilwoman, raised with Indian beliefs and Indian song. She leaves behind a big family, including her son Vaughn Eaglebear, who remembers her service to the community as a cook and a foster parent.

Colville Business Council Chairman Jarred-Michael Erickson said, "The Colville Tribes has suffered a string of tough losses lately, and this is another. Our hearts go out to Doll's many family and friends, and we pray for her at this time of her journey onward."

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About the Colville Tribes:

Today, more than 9,237 descendants of 12 aboriginal tribes of Indians are enrolled in the Confederated Tribes of the Colville. The twelve tribes which compose the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation include: ščəlám̓xəx̓w (deep water) or Chelan; wal̓wáma (Wallowa people) or Chief Joseph Band of Nez Perce; s̓x̓y̓ʔil̓p (sharp pointed trees) or Colville; šntiyátk̓wəx̓w (grass in the water) or Entiat; sn̓áyckst (speckled fish) or Lakes; mət̓x̓w (blunt hills around a valley) or Methow; škwáxc̓ənəx̓w (people living on the bank) or Moses-Columbia; nspilm (prairie) or Nespelem; uknaqin (seeing over the top) or Okanogan; palúšpam (people from Palouse) or Palus; sənp̓ʕ̓w̓ilx̓ (grey mist as far as one can see) or San Poil, and šnp̓əšq̓w̓áwsəx̓w (people in between) or Wenatchi.