

In Remembrance

G. David Singleton

(1935 - 2018)



I've had the pleasure to work with Dave for over 20 years, his vision and passion to create an Entrepreneur Program for our nation's people grew to become one of the best training platforms in the country. Dave worked diligently to better the program every year of its existence. His hard work and dedication was always for the people he cared for the most, Our Nation's People. - Panda M.



Such an amazing Human Being. I consider Dave a role model for leadership because - despite his mind-blowing Expertise/Wisdom/Networking Power - his way of interacting with others was humble, full of peace and charged with an inspiring positivity. - Sylvia W.



This is a huge loss. I will look at this amazing legacy he has left and smile knowing he did such amazing work to make the world a better place. Dave was truly one of a kind and a wonderful mentor to so many. He will be greatly missed. I will remember him fondly and hope to even be a quarter of the person he was. - Nicky L.

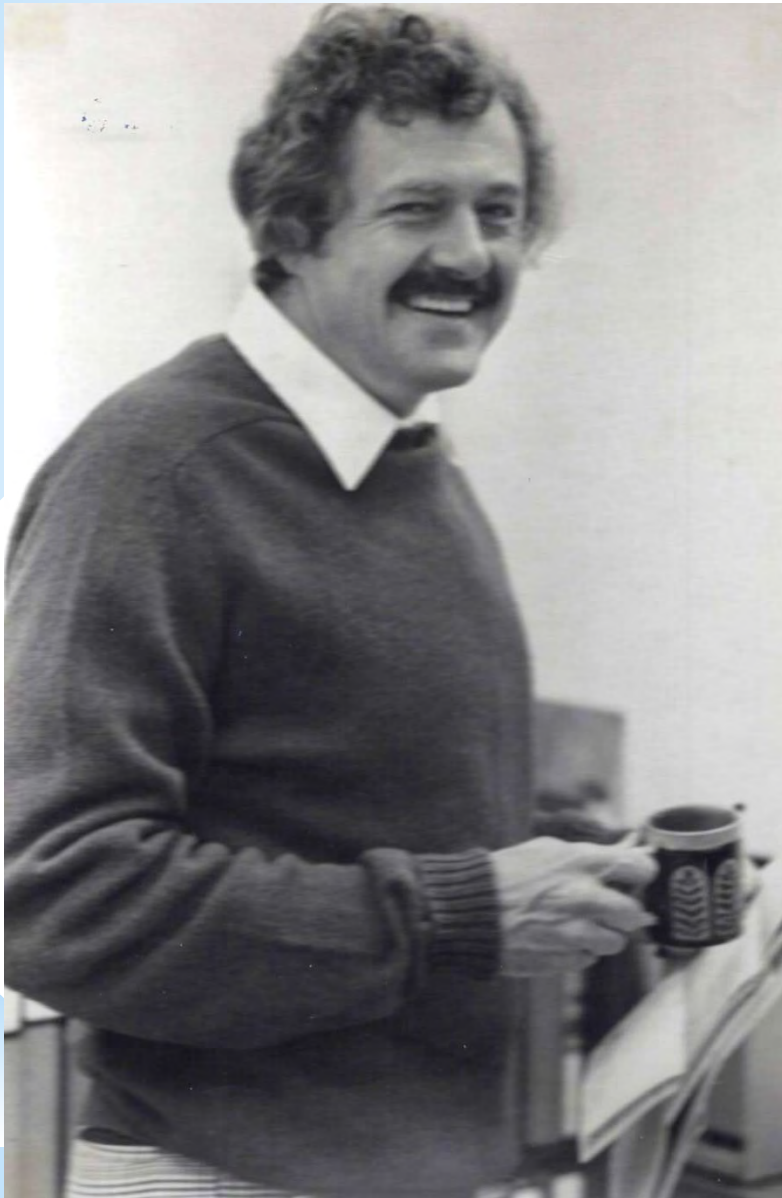
He will be missed!! A kind, intelligent, dedicated gentle soul! - Oletha L.

He was such an inspiration and so full of knowledge!
RIP - Teresa M.

I'm blessed that I had the chance to work with him on the last Entrepreneur training. I loved how he believed in all of the students. I watched him build them up and made them believe in themselves. He truly will be missed. He messaged me this past Tuesday, asked how everyone and everything was and said he looked forward to seeing Chicago at the annual. True gentleman. RIP! - Susan S.

This is truly a loss to the physical world. Rest In Peace Dave. - Meagen T.

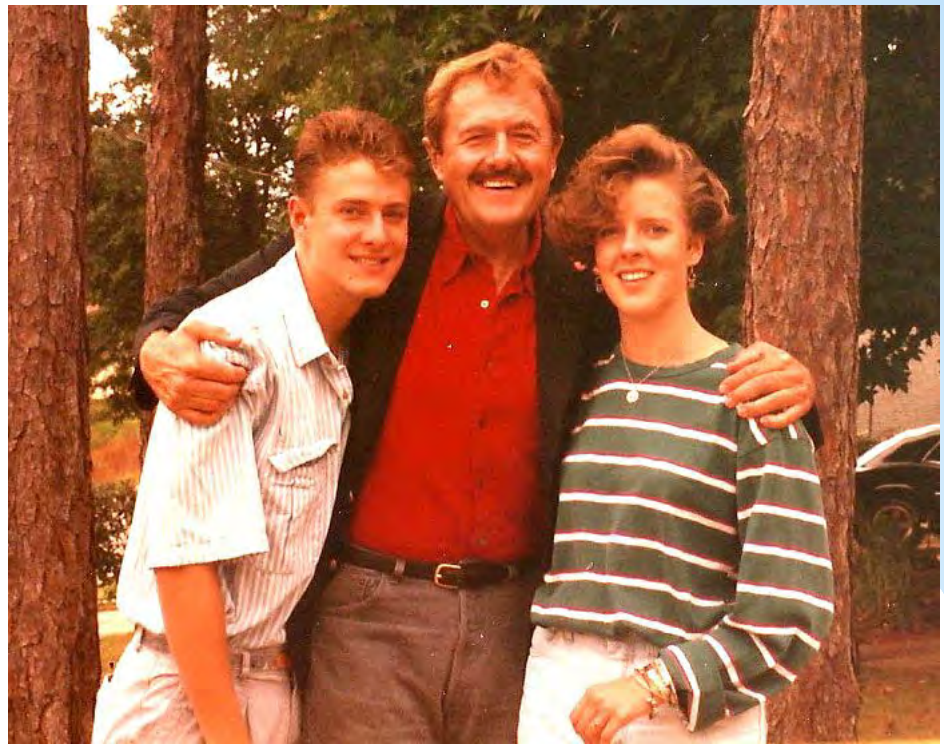




What a Superhero to Native communities! I appreciate his kindness and wisdom. Dave was truly a wonderful man and will be missed. P - Mary T.

He was a great guy, always a smile on his face and always the even keel, very dedicated to making things better for Native's especially our youth.
- Walter G.

Dave was such an inspiration, friend and loving man to all those around them. I am filled with appreciation for having the opportunity to learn from and get to know Dave. Prayers to his family, friends and all those who are touched by his loss. – Connie M.



Dave was my dear friend for over 20 years. We worked together back when he wrote grants for Tribes. He always amazed me at his knowledge of Tribes throughout the state and nation. I will truly miss him. – Marilyn D.



David's father and mine were best friends. He was a senior in high school when I was a freshman. He was beautiful, always inside and out. I'm moving in three weeks, he offered to help. So very sad. - Judith L.



Rest in peace Dave... I'm glad to have worked with you and call you my friend for almost twenty six years... Your unselfish work attitude and dedication to the Native American Community will not be forgotten.. - Morris S.

I worked with Dave at the Native American Heritage Commission until he retired. Dave was a highly valuable and respected member of the NAHC. He worked tirelessly to help the tribes of California in the protection and preservation of Native American cultural resources. - Debbie T.



I was fortunate to have the pleasure of working with Dave. He was instrumental in helping with the creation of the California Indian Youth Leadership Council. He was a generous man. - Marcie B.



I am shocked and deeply saddened to hear of the passing of G David Singleton, a man who gave so much to our California Indian communities...because he genuinely cared. Through the darkest moments, he stood strong for our Tongva community, assuring that we had a seat at the table and a genuine voice. He cared about the ancestors and all that is holy, he recognized the unspoken as if they were his relations - and I now recognize that they are. All those ancestors you protected are there to journey with you, to those sacred places you dreamed of. I am forever grateful for your contributions. Prayers and blessings to you and yours. Travel well my friend, my relative - in love, in peace - and now you are an ancestor. - Cindi A.

What an amazing man. I could always depend on him for advice and a listening ear. He made an impact on the world. What a legacy! - Barbara A.



He will be missed, a very honorable man in Indian Country - Jody C.

A great friend and someone who loved Football "49ers". I'll miss our conversations on FB and in person. You now belong to the ages but your memory and friendship remains in our hearts and minds. - Aaron P.

We are frail, fragile creatures, it seems - but some seem made of indomitable strength, fiber and wisdom. Dave Singleton was one of those; I chuckled just last night in catching up on my FB messages at a comment he made on one of my posts. Because he was always there and sharing wisdom and comments based on long years of learning, understanding and acting on behalf of California Native People. One of the elders that you just took for granted that would always be there and continue to 'school' us youngins forever. A reminder that every day is precious and a gift, especially from a generous activist like Dave, who for decades labored in the CA Native American Heritage Commission in the struggle to preserve and protect our ancient heritage. 'Xayatspanee', thank Dave, for your devoted and deep service to our communities. - Gregg C.



Dave from the beginning supportive of Red Nation Celebration Institute & Film Festival and everything we do. He was a protector for us against those who continued to harness us. We used to stay on the phone for hours. I am so sad to hear this news. - Joanelle R.



There are people we know who are sick and ailing or elderly, and we're not surprised when they pass. But, you were making comments on posts just the other day, always positive and upbeat. I don't think people really know how much you cared about California Indians. They know you helped some, but they don't know how many you reached out to help. Sometimes, the groups couldn't understand the key to the battle, but you took it on for them. You didn't need to do any of this. You could have just retired and gone fishing. But, you stayed in rural Indian communities, attended funerals, gave wise advice, responded to silly jokes, and always cared. I remember how you took care of your Mom in her final years, traveling hours to get to her home and back. Your heart was broken when she passed. Then, you continued to give good advice about tough political battles, knowing the history of projects, both successes and failures, and understanding it may not be welcomed by those who want secrets kept. One thing I do know is you were a kind, caring person to me and my family, and anyone you met. I found this saying I kept at CAIR and feel it certainly applies to you. May your journey be a good and gentle one. Forever your friend. - Cindy L.



RDLN Founding Board member G. David Singleton with RDLN Leaders Group X. We are devastated by his sudden loss. He has worked tirelessly for American Indians, especially in California, Latinx. African-Americans in the South, and all rural people. - Rural Development



I have known and worked with Dave prior to his work at CIMC. When he worked at Campo he and I worked on some projects but also were good friends since then. Dave saw my kids grow and was an Uncle them, such a good heart. He bragged about me and my kids more than I could some of my own blood family did. But I will always remember this Dave always made you feel like you were the most accomplished person. He believed in you and would stand by your side no matter what. I miss him dearly and truly we have been hit with a major loss the day he went on to his next life. But like Dave is most likely tell us, don't be sad because I now can admire you all from above. - Bennae C.



Dave was one of the mainstays of NAHC for us and provided a great bridge between Larry and the tribes. He was kind, attentive and a great source of help. Prayers and tobacco laid out for his journey...
- Mark F.

Dave was one in a million. He led with his heart and was a mentor to so many. I continue to be indebted to him for his courage, wisdom and above all, his optimism for good in the world. I will miss him dearly. - Merri L.

Dave was such a great colleague and I'm so sad to learn of his passing. He always followed my kids' sports and supported me in my Tribal Affairs work with encouraging words and praise. He dedicated his life's work to Indian Country and I'm proud to have known and worked with him. Rest in Peace my friend. - Heather H.

My good thoughts for his family, immediate and extended. He was such a wonderful mentor to me at the NAHC and beyond. He continued to lead dances at Native American Day and always made time to check in on me. He will be missed. - Gayle T.

Such a lovely, kind man, dedicated to Native people. One in a million, journey well Dave, you are loved and will be greatly missed. - Marina O.

I'VE HAD THE privilege of knowing you for a while. Also working along with you and you teaching me the ropes statistics and grant writing. Most of all you always valued what anybody had to say and made note of it even if it wasn't at the top of the list it was always part of the list. And receiving handwritten Christmas cards or very special and I like how you always included ask him about the children or inspiring they're continuing education. All I know is Indian country has lost a very special person. —feeling heartbroken. - Raelene C.



He was one of a kind. Always there for the people. He helped us out around '96, a kind man. - Thane B.

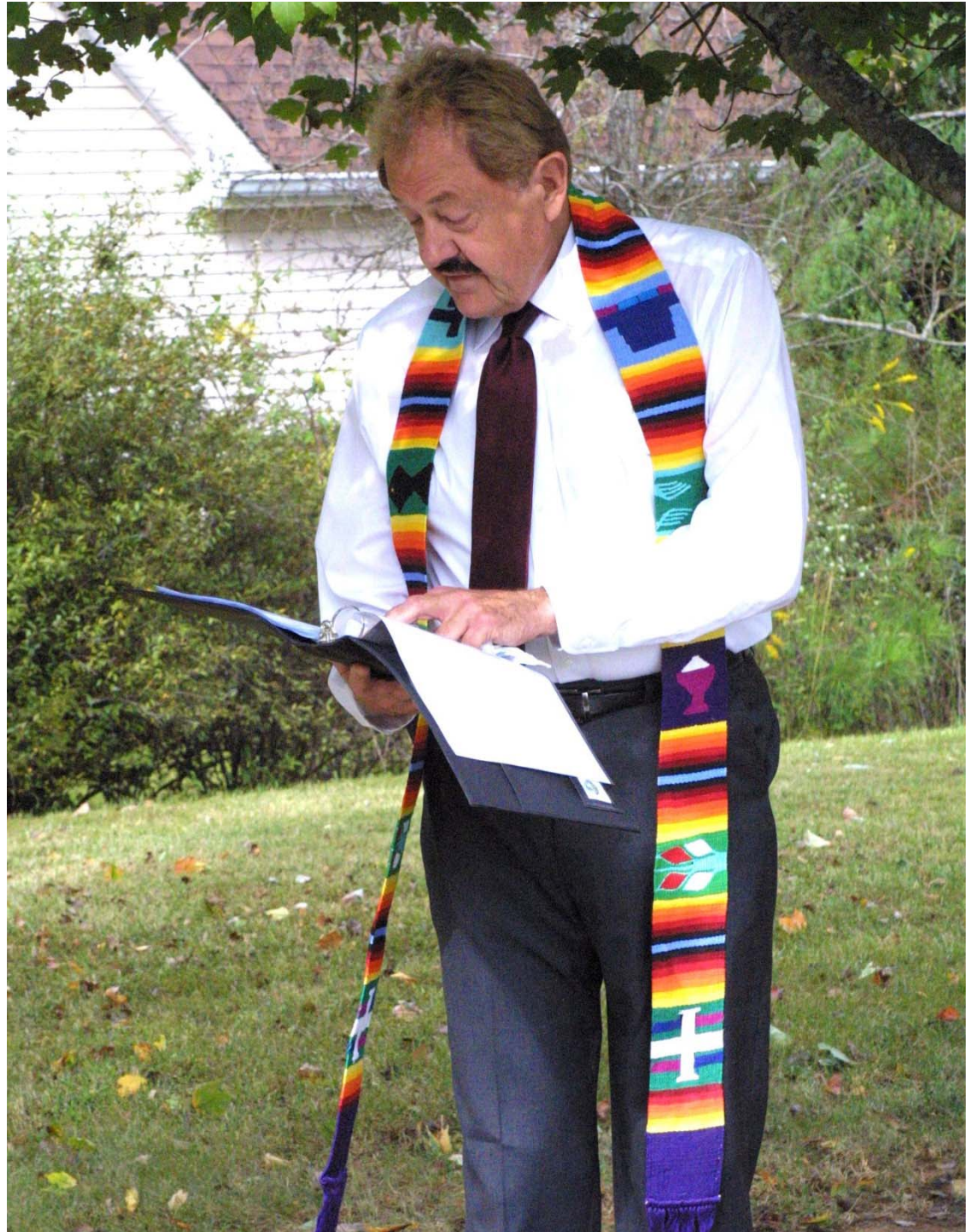
Lost a good compassionate and funny man. You will be missed. Many thanks for what you did for the Tongva. RIP Dave. - Gloria A.

Such a helpful person to myself and my tribe. Truly a help to all. He made everyone feel comfortable. Good sense of humor and a wealth of knowledge. - Frank S.

He was truly a deep compassionate person. I appreciate him for what he did and for who he was. - Victoria V.

I worked closely with him while he was at the CIAP writing grants and implementing them for Indian Country. Later at the NAHC. He was a strong advocate for Indian people and through his last breath he brought so much positive change for us. - Robert U.

Rest with the angels
G David Singleton.
You were there in the
beginning of my fight
to protect our sacred
sites and cultural
resources. You stood
up to the developers
and those who would
carelessly destroy the
things that Indian
people held as
sacred. You were a
true friend and I will
miss your comments
and advice. - Reno F.







What an amazing generous person who would reach out and help anybody, what a loss for Indian country. Peace and love for all the family and friends who are mourning his passing. – Isaac M.

My heart aches and the tears I let flow. I pray for his family, his NET family, his CIMC family and all who have had the privilege and pleasure of crossing paths with David. For 38 years you have touched many California Native communities and have empowered and made significant changes in so many lives. Rest in Peace. Love you and will miss you. - Lorenda S.





Thank you for all your help to me and all your wonderful work with Native people! Travel well my friend!
- Darlene F.

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Dave was such a generous man with so much knowledge. I was so blessed to know him. I will miss him . RIP - Carol J.

It was an honor for me to have him as a mentor for me when i did the entrepreneur course with CIMC. He was a well knowledge and amazing man. - Gabrielle M.

He was such an amazing man...He always had a new story. He will be missed. - Monica H.



First I want to say how privileged I am to have known such an amazing person. You made me feel normal and amazing too - just being in your presence. Your kind heart and genuine compassion for others is an attribute I wish more of us had. You came into my life as a teacher but soon became a friend and trusted mentor. I am so honored to have had the chance to call you my friend. You believed in me when I didn't even believe in myself, and you changed not only my life forever but every generation to come in my family after knowing you. You gave me the education and opportunity to better my life, and I love you for that. I have struggled all day to express how eternally grateful I am to you & CIMC. You will be dearly missed. - Shirley M.





G David Singleton was a true friend to Indian Country. As many of you know, Dave and I worked together on the CIMC Native Entrepreneur Training program for many years, training more than 500 entrepreneurs; he was proud to be a volunteer. I'm honored to have had Dave as a friend and colleague for so many years. Many of you have heard me brag on him about how generous, kind and smart he was. I'm also pleased that I had the opportunity to tell him how much I appreciated him while I still could. I am going to miss him terribly. Rest in peace my friend. - Teresa W.



Dave is and will always be a magnificent man. He was so intelligent and truly a good friend you can count on. I will miss him and pray for his spirit journey home to his loved ones. Bless his life and all he gave to so many people. - Erica C.

It was great reconnecting with Dave these past 2 years and had laughs with him whether it was about football or pun jokes. He will be missed, but not forgotten. Rest in peace my friend. - David K.



When I think about people that have inspired me... Given me genuine HOPE... A PERSON THAT SHARED GENUINELY AND WHOLE HEARTEDLY... a kind and gentle soul... That only embraced EVERYONE with open arms with a true humbleness... G David Singleton is WHO comes to mind. Thank you David for the opportunity to have known you! Thank you for your guidance, your patience, and for believing in me when I didn't believe in myself. Your memory WILL live on in my success and everyone else that you mentored through CIMC - Jorganna P.

I only knew Dave for a year and a half since I started working at CIMC, but his compassion, knowledge, and kindness made a profound effect on me. When I began to work on the Entrepreneur Program he told me if I had any questions, any at all, to ask him and contact him. He was willing and ready to answer anything. It was an honor to work with him and getting to know him. Rest in Peace Dave. - Elizabeth F.



Dave and I met in the early '80's when he was a consultant for my tribe. We worked together in the '90's in his business Economic Development Center Inc. Dave was my mentor and best friend. He believed in me more than I believed in myself. He cared for and spoke highly of everyone he knew. He built us up, believed in our dreams, and inspired us with hope. We have lost a great friend who will truly be missed. Rest in Paradise Dave. I love you. — feeling heartbroken - Melody W.



G David Singleton was a huge advocate for balance in the world. He was also a huge advocate for me. He believed in me. We were working on project together recently and I am sad I will not have his advice but I will continue with him in my heart. He was the business mentor I trusted. I not only had the privilege to work with him but he worked with my father as well. He always tried to connect me with amazing opportunities, but I was not ready for the grand opportunities he tried to connect me with. That is trust and respect. I gave him the same respect in return. All he was for me...I know he was that for so many. He was a gentle, loving, kind and completely unselfish. He has given so much to the people and brought a wealth of knowledge and balance. I appreciate him for all he gave to the world. I will always honor him. Mr. Singleton, Thank you my elder and mentor for your guidance. - Victoria G.



Omg what we just conversed, prayers for his family and all he touched... he was such an insightful soul and always made me feel like we can...he will be truly missed....
- Raven R.

It was such an honor working with you, G David Singleton. We lost such a great man that's impacted the Native Community in a great and positive way. Thank you for all your knowledge and wisdom. Happy thoughts and prayers on your journey. - Rachel V.

He was ALWAYS so supportive of everything I did. He would always say, "Lisa the entrepreneur selling out of the trunk of her car." He came up to have lunch with me a few months ago to catch up & see how I was doing. He was full of knowledge and always gave great advice. It is truly an honor to have known Dave. May you rest in peace. I will continue to make you proud as a CIMC graduate of the entrepreneur program. - Lisa S.

I have known David since late 2008. We had lunch and spoke many times over the years. He amazed me with his knowledge of American Indian history, events, and issues. He will truly be missed. Please keep us informed so we may visit his services and or burial site so we may pay our respects. Love you G David Singleton. - Vincent B.

You were and are an amazingly wonderful man.....you will be so very greatly missed G David Singleton I will hold all the love and support and guidance and most of all, you in my heart forever.... I send all my love and strength to you for you Journey back to creator..... rest easy - Viola S.



I'm a 2006 graduate of CIMC, and I always utilized him just up until a few months ago. His wisdom will be missed. RIP my friend - Juliet M.

I graduated in 2006 with my wife , Dave was a very smart man with soooooooooo much knowledge he could talk to you for hours and give you great suggestions with names of people to help you he will be missed . R.I.P. - Jerry M.

My brother Ron Carmelo and my sister Mary Carmelo spoke highly of you. I enjoyed our time spent together reminiscing about those times when you helped out Greenville Rancheria in the early stages of our tribe. I am grateful for the words and wisdom you shared with me. You, my brother and my sister are all angels now. You are an ancestor. In my own selfish way I will miss each of you and your presence here. Long live our ancestors and their teachings through each of us. - April C.

The kindest man I have ever known. I am honored to have shared Mother Earth. See you on the other side Dave. - Susan T.

I was blessed to have known, been taught and mentored by this amazing man. When I open my foodtruck business next year... My first day of business will be dedicated to him and all sales that day will be donated to his CIMC Scholarship Fund. I am going to miss his wisdom and guidance... I don't think I could've overcome my lack of confidence in my business plan without him. - Jessica P.

So glad to have been able to do the entrepreneur training with you, may your good Soul be resting in peace with the Creator knowing that you did an awesome job down here helping us all. - Sylvia F.



Thank you for all you did for our Tribes Prayers for the Family - Mary C.

I just heard from him on my birthday last month. He has donated money to the fry bread shop a few times! He was an awesome guy and I'll never forget him RIP Dave - Derek M.



David was a Man of Integrity; proud Warrior, great sense of humor and dear friend to many. He practiced an abundance mentality and was a wonderful role model. He was the reason for my success. - Dirk C.



Such an awesome individual! So happy and blessed that I was able to be mentored by G David Singleton! Such an incredible inspiration to many of my successes today. Rest Easy Dave.... - Deacon F.

I have been so blessed to have your encouragement and support when attending the entrepreneurship program and thereafter.. - Kathy C.



What a great legacy this honorable man has given every single one of us. Can you imagine if our world were full of Dave's? We literally would have "peace on earth". It was such an honor to have met him.- Christina V.

He was one of a kind. Always there for the people. He helped us out around '96, a kind man. - Thane B.



He will be missed. A very honorable man in Indian Country - Jody C.

Wow this is truly a sad day for the community in large but a blessing for him to go home. Truly touched many souls in this world. Prayers to you all. - Isaac M.

I always liked to talk with Dave as he would send info and send positive energy. A friend as well as a mentor of mine and many others....He will be missed and I cherish his memory.... - Willie C.

He was a good man, full of knowledge and a great inspiration to all.- Cheryl G.

My prayers are with you and your family. I pray for a quick crossing. You were a great man and very knowledge-able. You were always willing to help and knew people every-where. R.I.P. - Clarissa M.



This saddens my heart! He was a kind man and very knowledgeable! My prayers go out to him! - Sarah T.

Dave will be missed! Such a man of honor and integrity. - Frances V.



David has been one of the kindest mentors throughout Native country. Wow! Love that man dearly! - Marea F.

Dave was such a treasure! I know our ancestors are giving him a HUGE welcome home. - Christina V.

He was a good person good friend with a good heart. - Paul B.

His knowledge, loyalty, and willingness to empower others are rare in today's world. I will always treasure him. - Trina C.



G David Singleton was a friend and mentor for 35 years. So much knowledge about the history of California tribes and their efforts on sovereignty, cultural preservation, economic sustainability, and recognition. He will be missed. - Edward S.

I always enjoyed visiting with Dave at the various events we would end up at and also working with him in the CIMC business trainings. - Bob N.



I met Dave 10 years ago at the CIMC Native Entrepreneur Workshop. Dave was a smart, generous, kind hearted person. He was always positive and told me encouraging uplifting words. He was always helping others. He always had nice compliments to say about me and my kids. I'll never forget the times he has helped me personally when I was in need. Thank you Dave for being there for me. Dave will be greatly missed by us all that knew him. Rest in Peace Dave until we meet again. - Chasity A.



"Phenomenal Man" that was Dave Singleton. Dave was a selfless individual who always put the needs of others before himself. I am proud to say that I shared Dave's passion for Native American Entrepreneurial Development. His advocacy for Native Americans will be sorely missed. RIP, my friend. - Alsace L.

He was truly a very special man to me and to the Indian community as well. I will miss you my friend. Fly high. - Stephanie B.

Dave's experience will be missed! RIP
Thank you for everything you gave to us! - Tim A.

He was an outstanding person!!! - Paul A.

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An Indian country hero! - Michael H.



It was truly an honor to know Dave, his friendship, and leadership. I am so proud to be one of his many students. - Ali M.

A wonderful and amazing human being who will surely be missed by the many people whose lives he touched. - Diana B.

On behalf of the Juaneno Band of Mission Indians, Acjachemen Nation, we honor our friend, David! We are heartbroken with his passing. May your spirit soar my friend. Safe journey! - Joyce P.





I am so lucky to meet and work with G David Singleton. He was truly a great person. My heart is so broken to hear this news. - Jordan C.

He was an amazingly smart knowledgeable and caring man. A beautiful spirit, kind and funny! He will truly be missed. Please let me know if there is anything I can do to help the family! Keeping them in my prayers! David will truly be missed. - Norma C.



G David Singleton, A Truly Amazing, One of a kind, extremely generous and helpful man. So Thankful to CIMC for choosing me and giving me the opportunity to train with Dave. It was such an honor to work with Dave and everyone. He will truly be missed. My Condolences to his Family and all his relations. Safe Journeys my friend. - Eva P.

It was an honour to have met him and work beside him at CIMC. He was always kind, respectful, wise and humourous. He will be missed by all that met & knew him. RIP & Baamaapii (see you later - as there is no word for good-bye in my language. - Nahomah W.

The Indian community will greatly miss you. Thank you for generosity to help all of us with your knowledge. Condolences to your family. God bless you. - Carm M.

David Singleton was a great mentor and supporter of Native American entrepreneurs. - Patricia P.



He was such a great guy to know, he'll be missed truly by all. - Ken M.

It was an honor to meet him and have him as a teacher. A great man with a kind heart. Always will he be loved and Never forgotten. - Nelson R.

The man tirelessly helped and encouraged so many Indian people. A good man and a life lived for others. - Bruce D.

Thank you Dave for many years of service to our communities. Blessings on your journey home. - Albert T.

He was a good friend and mentor. He always encouraged me and praised my achievements.- Kathy W.

I value the time you spent with my Entrepreneur class. We are all better people for knowing you. - Brianna S.





Always in our hearts and memory