



Gaylord Powless

Community mourns lacrosse legend, Gaylord Powless

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SIX NATIONS - Surrounded by his immediate family at his home on Seneca Road, lacrosse legend, Gaylord Powless died early Saturday, July 28th, 2001 after succumbing to cancer. He was laid to rest yesterday at St. Paul's Anglican Church on Sour Springs Road.

As previously planned, on Saturday, the Powless family attended the dedication at the pow wow of a portrait-in-pencil drawing by artist, Hendrik Lenis that honoured Gaylord and his contribution to "the Creator's Game." His parents, Wilma and Ross, along with many other members of the Powless family were there to accept the honour.

Gaylord lived to see the finished portrait that captured him 'at the top of his game.' He signed the original and was aware before his passing that the dedication would take place at the pow wow.

As news spread throughout the community of Gaylord's passing, many people remembered the man and the contributions he made to the sport of lacrosse. You would be hard pressed in the community of Six Nations not to find a person who had a story to share about Gaylord Powless and the game of lacrosse.

Some had stories about seeing him play lacrosse as a small boy in front of the Powless home on Sour Springs Road. Others remember playing lacrosse along side Powless in the early 1960's when lacrosse was in its' early stages of becoming an organized sport at Six Nations. Still others,

like Tabby Jamieson, remember playing on the 'Warriors of Old' team with Gaylord in 1993 at a tournament in Huntsville. "He had a lot of natural talent," he said.

Gaylord's ability as a lacrosse player was firmly based on a foundation of love for the game according to his father, Ross. It was a combination of talent given to him by the Creator and "he loved the game, he listened to advice and he had a lot of pride," said Ross.

When he was younger, his mother told him that she wouldn't go to see him play

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