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It is with deep sadness that we acknowledge the passing of Yurok Tribal Elder Glenn Moore, Sr. Mr. Moore died in Hoopa, California, yesterday surrounded by his family and friends. He was 89-years old.

Mr. Moore was one of the leading figures in the creation of the National Association of Tribal Historic Preservation Officers. His vision of the need and role for such a national organization was instrumental in its early years and he vigorously supported the Association. For over 18 years, he worked closely with Thomas Gates, who served as the Yurok THPO. He was Tom's mentor and friend, as well as a guide and mentor to many other THPOs. Mr. Moore participated in almost all of the annual NATHPO meetings, but was unable to do so this year because of declining health.

Mr. Moore was a ceremonial leader, traditional singer, woodcarver and fluent speaker of the Yurok language. He attended Sherman Indian Boarding School (Riverside, Calif.) and served in the Army AirCorps during World War II and was part of the D-Day invasion. He worked as a horse rancher, logger, and heavy equipment operator, and resided on the Hoopa Reservation with his wife of over 55 years, Dorothy Moore. He had recently completed the carving of Yurok ceremonial canoes in conjunction with a Yurok carving training project. The canoes are used in the Yurok White Deerskin ceremony, for which he was the leading tribal elder and advisor. He served as an advisor to the Yurok Tribe Culture Department and the Tribal Historic Preservation Office, as well as on the Yurok Tribal committees: Constitution; Culture; Repatriation; and Language.

He was preceded in death by his wife Dorothy and their son Kenny. He is survived by his two daughters, Glenna and Carla, his granddaughters, Raven and Shaunna, his grandson Glenn Jr., and numerous great-grandchildren, one great-great-granddaughter and many other nieces, nephews, and friends.

Visitation will be Friday, December 12, 2008, at Chapel of the Ferns, 509 J Street, Eureka, Calif., 95501 (707) 443-1641. Funeral services will be on Saturday at 1:00pm at Jack Norton School; interment will be at Moore Family Cemetery at Cho kik, Yurok Reservation.

Please send an email message to bambi@nathpo.org if you are seeking additional information. Thomas Gates may be reached via cell phone (916) 956-9048 or Taomas8@yahoo.com

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