



POARCH BAND OF CREEK INDIANS

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POARCH CREEK INDIAN RESERVATION, AL – July 5, 2017 – It is with great sadness that we share the tragic news of the death of Robert Thrower, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer (THPO). He was killed yesterday afternoon in a single-vehicle accident on Highway 29 near the Dixie Community close to Evergreen, AL.

Robert Thrower had a deep and abiding love of for his Tribe and a true commitment to preserving Poarch Creek history and culture. He began working officially for the Poarch Creek Indians on July 9, 1991. Robert followed in the footsteps of his mother, Gail Thrower, Poarch Creek's first Tribal historian, and was respected throughout Indian Country for his knowledge of the history and culture of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians. Not only was Robert proud to represent the Poarch Band of Creek Indians, but he also considered it an honor to serve on the United South and Eastern Tribes Culture and Heritage Committee. Robert served on the committee from 2004-2008 and as Chairman of the USET Committee from 2008-2017.

“Robert Thrower served a vital role at Poarch as the Tribal Historic Preservation Officer, and he will be sorely missed. Our love and prayers go out to his family and all who knew and cared for this accomplished member of our Tribe who gave so much to our Poarch community, the State and Indian Country,” commented Stephanie A. Bryan, Tribal Chair.

Funeral services will be Saturday, July 8, 2017 at 2:00 PM at the Petty-Eastside Chapel Funeral Home in Atmore, AL. Family visitation will be 12:00 PM until 12:30 PM and Pubic Visitation will be from 12:30 PM until service time at 2:00 PM.

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