



Remembering Billy Frank Jr.

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Six thousand people gathered at the Squaxin event center in Kalmiche to remember the life of Billy Frank Jr. An archive of memorial is available [here](#).

From the Olympian:

Friends and family members recalled those quotes during the late Nisqually leader's funeral service Sunday at the Little Creek Casino Resort's Event Center near Shelton.

"We're all going to miss this great man," Squaxin Island tribal chairman David Lopeman said. "I always considered him chief — chief of all of us."

The Seattle Times:

Speakers at the memorial service recalled Frank's work as the face of the 1970s civil-rights movement for treaty rights, his determination during the fish wars even in the face of violence and arrest, and how he continued his work even after a federal judge affirmed Indian treaty rights to half the region's salmon.

They likened him to humanitarians like the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Cesar Chavez and Nelson Mandela.

They also spoke about the more personal side of Frank: his famous bear hugs and his ability to "cuss with class."



Quinault Indian Nation Marine Titus Capoeman walks to the Billy Frank Jr.'s Memorial at the Squaxin Island Event Center. Frank also served in the Marines as a young man.

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Family and friends shared memories of Native American leader and environmental advocate Billy Frank Jr. at a memorial service Sunday in Shelton. Frank spent his life trying to protect salmon and their habitat. [view full article](#)

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