



## Rebecca L. Rawlinson

June 19, 1954 - May 4, 2017

North Augusta, SC—Graveside Services for Mrs. Rebecca L Rawlinson, 62, who entered into rest May 4, 2017 in Anchorage Alaska., will be conducted Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock in Pineview Memorial Gardens. Dr. Knox Herndon officiating.

Becky was born June 19, 1954 in Seattle, Washington. She attended Houghtaling Elementary School in Ketchikan; Kamehameha Preparatory School in Honolulu, Juneau Grade School in Juneau, and Petersburg Grade School and High School. She earned her degree in Anthropology from the University of California-San Diego. Becky was employed at the Smithsonian Institute in Washington, D.C. performing identification of Alaskan Native Artifacts. She also was employed as a Cultural Instructor with Holland America Cruise Lines and was a Commissioner in the Department of Administration with the City of Juneau. She was a member of the Baha'I and the Methodist faith. She enjoyed native artwork including Tlingit blanket making; spending time with Elders and Family; world travel, and being a pilot.

Mat Baumgartner wrote: "Aunty Beck was never shy about expressing her love for all of us in the family." Her son, Zanzan wrote "About Mrs. Rebecca Rawlinson (Alaskan

Tlingit Wooshkeetaan): My mother is the embodiment of overcoming a diversity of life's challenges with Alaskan Tlingit Strength and Honor till her death (cancer). My mother lived a full life of important local/international milestones for native American women; most notably, she traveled around the world as the first delegation of Native American women who met with leaders, Kings and royalty to promote peace, harmony and mutual cultural respect - South America, Samoa, and so much more.

She is a passionately loving Auntie to all her nephews, nieces and relatives and a loving wife in her formative years to her husband, Kevin Rawlinson. Her passion for travel, cultures, overcoming challenges, and more served as a strong source of inspiration/bedrock to her one and only son, me, Mr. Zanzan Fromer ([www.Zanzan-Fromer.com](http://www.Zanzan-Fromer.com)). As a child, my mother took me on many adventures to promote and foster hope for "Global Peace" across Alaska, Canada, etc. My mother's life-example of resilience for the "Greater Good" became my own operational methodology that I used in my overseas humanitarian/transitional development works; which led to many overseas successes. As of today, I have over a decade of international achievements, recognitions and awards; the first American/Alaskan Tlingit Wooshkeetaan in Mongolian History to be awarded the country's 2nd Highest Medal of Honor - "The Ministerial Gold Star of leadership", numerous recognitions by National Geographic Society and much more.

My mother served humanity beyond paperworks and degrees - she served as my "first teacher".

It was my mother's example, leadership and exemplifier of what Native Americans can achieve regardless of the diversity of challenges that became my "source" of Tlingit Strength and Honor.

My mother's life-example continues to be my guiding-light that manifested itself within all my

overseas works/achievements for past 8,200+ days (22+ years).

Across the world - my mother was and remains "the cultural key" in establishing today's overseas successes; as without local acceptance, today's achievements would have never been possible. Other overseas rural/tribal cultures accepted me more than others as they quickly identified with my mother's photographs; my mother physically looks as they do and were greatly inspired by her achievements as an Alaskan Native Tlingit Woman - they saw my mother as one of their own. My mother inspired my own growth by her countless deeds, actions and sacrifices before I departed overseas. Rest Well Mother - love your son who has always been proud and honored." Survivors include her husband of 15 years, Kevin Rawlinson; son, Zanjan Fromer; sisters, Andriana (Don) Moss; Leimomi (Robert) Martin, Lucy (Yochanan) Johns, and Zenith Brown; nieces, Zeta (Joe) Montes, Cheyoko Baumgartner, Natasha (Oscar) DeGruy, Hattie Baumgartner, Naomi (JaraL) Michalsen, Alex L.R. Moss, Zaynab Irish, Unity Taylor, Emerald Fuimaono, Chandler Brown; nephews, Mathew Baumgartner, Daniel Irish, Jerry Irish, and Milo Irish; many cousins including Tina Sakamoto, Marcia Hansen, and Tim Hansen, great and grand nephews and nieces.

The family will receive friends at the graveside following the service.

Posey Funeral Directors of North Augusta in charge of arrangements (803-278-1181). Visit the registry at [www.poseycares.com](http://www.poseycares.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Pineview Memorial Gardens

450 West Five Notch Road  
North Augusta, SC 29841

# Previous Events

## Service

MAY 17. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Posey Funeral Directors created a Tribute Video in memory of Rebecca L. Rawlinson



Posey Funeral Directors - May 17, 2017 at 08:48 AM



“ Rebecca L. Rawlinson

October 06, 2023 at 06:29 AM



“ Rebecca L. Rawlinson

September 24, 2022 at 12:12 PM



“ Leimomi Martin lit a candle in memory of Rebecca L. Rawlinson



Leimomi Martin - August 19, 2017 at 09:47 AM



“ 54 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Posey Funeral Directors** - May 17, 2017 at 08:43 AM

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“ *Kevin, you have our sincere sympathy.*

*Thank you for letting Curtis know of Rebecca's passing. We are so sorry that you and Rebecca had to go through this journey. We pray for God's strength and peace for you as you make this very sad, difficult adjustment.*

*Glad we had the opportunity to meet Rebecca many years ago and we were delighted that you had met someone so compatible.*

*Our love,*

*Sid and Joy Gambrell*

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**Joy Gambrell** - May 16, 2017 at 05:03 PM