Jimmy Curtis Shorty was born on April 15, 1937 and peacefully passed away on April 17, 2021 surrounded by his family at the age of 84 years old.

He was born in Rehoboth, NM.

Jimmy is survived by his adoring wife, Patricia Shorty (shimá) of 54 years, sons Richard and Patrick Shorty, granddaughters Nikki and Alexis, and great grandkids Elysa, Amehlia, Jace and Ameera.

He was the third oldest of six siblings. He is preceded in death by his mother Nasbah Begay, father Robert Shorty, son Gregg Shorty, sister Edna Nunes, among many others who are waiting for him with open arms.

He grew up in a humble environment and knew hard work early on by herding sheep, in the canyons of Coyote Canyon, N.M. He graduated from St. Michael's high school in 1957. He was the secretary of his senior class, participated in glee club, Knight of the altar, class treasurer, feature editor of Coxocoi, and Sodality prefect, 4th.

Jim earned his bachelor's degree in geology in 1961 and was drafted into the Army the same year. He served for two years working as a court reporter because of his knowledge of shorthand. He received his honorable discharge in 1963. He went to UNM where he received his PhD in Law and worked as a geologist for the tribal water department.

He worked as an assistant to the President of the Navajo tribe. He worked as an educator for Sandia National Laboratories in 1983 where he retired from in 2007. He was well known within the Navajo tribe and spoke fluently in the Navajo language. Jim was known as the wise friend, whom everyone trusted and respected. He was known as papa and he instilled discipline, integrity and good moral values within his kids and grandkids.

Papa would share his life stories with anyone who would listen. He had a strong connection to his Native American culture and would share those traditions with the family. Jim truly lived life to the fullest through simple pleasures. He will be sorely missed, but we will remember him through his teachings and stories.

A viewing will take place Friday, April 23 at Daniels Funeral Home 7601 Wyoming Blvd Albuquerque, N.M. 87109 and after will go to the Shorty's residence for a celebration of life. After cremation, a mass will be held at Risen Savior Catholic Church at a later date.