



Larry Aiken



Larry (left) at a Pow Wow with Kecia Lee (Rainbow Staff)



Larry (center) with family members at son's wedding

**RAINBOW CLIENT**

**Larry Aiken** - active senior

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Larry Aiken is a middle aged, free spirited man who is doing what every senior looks forward to; vacationing and enjoying early retirement. He is a man who keeps himself abreast of events that surround himself and his culture.

Mr. Aiken came to Rainbow in 1999 after being involved in a motorcycle accident. Although he does remember the accident, he doesn't remember any details - a result of his TBI. Prior to his accident, Larry, a Chippewa Indian, attained a BA degree, a Certificate of American Indian Studies, and continues to enrich himself with his culture. Weekend visits to the library and yearly participations in Native American Ceremonies such a pow-wows and drum circles, help maintain his personal identity with a multi-cultural environment.

Since coming to Rainbow Rehabilitation Centers, Mr. Aiken has progressed in his rehab process and is currently residing at Textile House. He maintains strong mental and physical capabilities and, with assistance, is able to handle some everyday chores and an occasional meal preparation. He professes to have the best Dagwood BLT (his special name for his sandwich) this side of Ann Arbor.

At the Rainbow Center, Larry's weekly schedule involves fitness, wood shop and community interactions. Recently, he attended his son's wedding where he danced, celebrated and returned home very happy.

Every year Mr. Aiken goes on a short

vacation, and this year was no exception. With determination and the assistance of Rainbow professionals, Larry enjoyed a week at Disney World. His companions said they have never seen him so energetic - he laughed and smiled throughout the trip. ♦



(From left to right) Larry enjoying Disney with Quania Atkins (Rainbow Staff) Mickey, & Kecia Lee (Rainbow Staff)