



# Kanienkehaka

## Tekariwa ie Nawa kon

PEOPLE OF THE LONGHOUSE AHKWESASNE

KANIENCEHAKA KAIANEHREHKOWA KANONSESNEH

SATURDAY, JULY 8, 2023

The death ceremonial for the Kanienkehaka/Mohawk Ayonwaehs Ateroniahtakon, Francis Boots, will begin on Tuesday, July 11, 2023, at the Kanienkehaka Kaianehrehkowa Kanonsesneh, located at 570 Rt 37, Akwesasne 13655.

Ateroniahtakon, Ayonwaehs, Roskenrakehtekowa of the Hodenonsonni Mohawk Nation/Kanienkehaka Kaianehrehkowa Kanonsesneh, will arrive at the Kanonsesneh at 12:00 noon on Tuesday, July 11, 2023, and will enter the Men's s door, escorted by his Warriors. At that time, the men and ceremony speakers will prepare him first with the beginning of the death speeches to his Spirit and viewing for his Family first and then his People.

Speakers, trained by Ateroniahtakon, will begin the introduction of the ceremonial for all the People and the traditional process of retiring of his obligations to the Kanienkehaka/ Mohawk Nation in his role of protecting the Kaianehrehkowa/The Great Law of Peace, leading the Warriors in the protection of the rights, sovereignty, jurisdiction and Way of Life for his People. Ateroniahtakon will hold his wampum until the ceremonial words are spoken; the wampum and his Title will then be returned to the Clan Mothers until the installation of the new Title Holder of Ayonwaehs.

Ateroniahtakon will lie in Kanonsesneh and receive all visitors, Rotianeh, Kanistensehra and ceremony keepers until 10:00 A.M. Thursday, July 13, 2023.

Burial will be at the Jock Road Burial Ground, located off State Road, Akwesasne. People will follow the escort to the burial ground where the words will again explain the burial process.

