



**CHEROKEE INDIAN**  
HOSPITAL FOUNDATION

**2022 Lula Owl Gloyne -  
Person of Excellence  
Award Winner**

*Mary Wachacha*



On June 25, 2022, the Cherokee Indian Hospital Foundation presented the Inaugural Lula Owl Gloyne Person of Excellence Award, in memoriam to Lula's daughter, the late Mary Wachacha.

Mary Gloyne Wachacha had a long and impressive career with the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) and the Indian Health Service (IHS). She held many roles in which she advanced healthcare for the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and tribes all over Indian Country.

Mary was selfless in giving her time and energy for the advancement of her people. She said, "personal philanthropy defines us as humans who have moved beyond 'me' towards 'we.'" We lost Mary in October of 2021, but she will always be remembered as someone who was highly accomplished, resilient, and selfless. She had a vision for the future of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and made substantial contributions to its advancement. Her leadership and wisdom have left an indelible impression on us all.