Deeply missed but will never be forgotten

Lawrence Baptise Catholique

May 22, 1956 - Feb 12, 2009



Lawrence was renowned & well respected for his traditional skills & love for the land and for his spiritual knowledge.

Lawrence used his traditional skills that he learned from his parents as a guide, hunter, trapper and as a cultural teacher. Lawrence was a strong believer in traditional healing and as a former alcohol and drugs counselor was always willing to help those that came to him for help.

Lawrence loved participating in traditional games such as handgames (his team came in second place in 2007 at Canadian Aboriginal Men's Handgames Championship in

Behchoko), drum dances where he was seen either joining in the circle of dancers or drumming and singing.

He was also a former board member for the Beverly and Qamanirjuaq Caribou Management Board and over the years worked with archaeologists and developers to identify traditional land use areas and historical sites of his ancestors. For years Lawrence was also a Band council member and it was because his profound and valuable knowledge and love for the land, water, wildlife and his people that Lawrence got involved with politics to ensure that the natural resources will be here for the future generation to enjoy as he had. Lawrence truly was a man of the Land, during his lifetime, he spend seasons out on the land with his family and sometimes by himself and he had tremendous respect for traditional culture.

Lawrence is survived by his father Pierre, sisters Mary Jane (Antoine) & Marina, brothers Herman, Joseph, Henry and adopted brother Ray Griffith, partner Agnes, children Ramona, Clifford and Corey and nieces and nephews Jason (Jennifer) Delores, Brandon, Jesse, Laura Jane, Denecho, Hermaline, Saya, Lorenz, Deserea, Monique, Timothy and aunts and uncles. Lawrence also had many relatives and special friends in the NWT, across Canada and the United States.

He will always be forever in our hearts.

Our Creator

Today is the day that You took someone we dearly love We know that we need not worry Because You are there with him with open arms

Our Creator

The man that stands before You was deeply loved Although it seems like it is the end Now the memories of him shall begin

Our Creator

We are here today with sorrow and grief But when we look up toward Heaven there will be a sense of relief

Because the man before you is in a better place

Today is not a day of death, but rebirth Because he lived in life in high spirits here on Earth So on this day we shall look back no more Because on this day he is with You, Our Creator

