



In Memory of
**JOE (JOSEPH PAUL)
RITCHIE**

May 16, 1949 to March 9, 2009

The Trustees and Staff of the Sahtu Divisional Education Council regret to announce the death of our friend and colleague Joe Ritchie. Joe visited the district working on literacy projects in our schools for several years prior to moving to Norman Wells in the fall of 2006 and joining the Council Office on a full-time basis. His passion for reading was evident throughout his lifetime. The staff and students of our district have benefitted greatly from his contributions. The literacy initiatives that he introduced in classrooms at all grade levels and the skills that he shared with colleagues in the NWTTA will continue to benefit our students for many years to come.

Joe was born in Middleton, Nova Scotia, to the late Arthur and Jean (Treen) Ritchie. He is survived by brothers, Lee (Jane) Ritchie, Upper Granville, NS; David Ritchie, Windsor, NS; nieces, Maggie (Jason) Holm, Halifax, NS; and Jennifer (Chad) Chiasson, Dartmouth, NS; nephews, Ken Ritchie, Ottawa, ON; Robert Ritchie, Edmonton, AB; and Peter (Maki) Ritchie, Whistler, BC. In addition to his parents, Joe was predeceased by his brother, Alan Ritchie (Malagash, NS).

Joe was employed for many years by Chignecto Central School Board in Nova Scotia prior to his retirement in June 2006. Joe loved to read, to travel and to share a good laugh. His professionalism, work ethic, quick wit and dry humour were but a few of the many characteristics that endeared him to so many people.

Cremation of Joe's remains has been entrusted to McKenna Funeral Services, Yellowknife, NT. His ashes to be scattered in Nova Scotia at a later date. In accordance with Joe's wishes, there will be no formal funeral service. His colleagues gathered at the Sahtu DEC office on Friday, March 13 to share memories of our time working with Joe in the Sahtu.