Philip David Ujumngat Tagoona

1970 - 2009

eacefully and surrounded by loved ones in Baker Lake, Philip Tagoona passed away on August 8, 2009. Fondly loved by wife Hilu, cherished father to Ashley Tanuyak, Atuat and Jalen Tagoona, beloved son to Janet, wonderful brother to Daniel (Sandy), Solomon, Demetrius (Rosie) and Jeela, and dear grandson to Mary Auga'naaq Tagoona. Philip was predeceased by his father David Tagoona. He will also be dearly missed by his nieces and nephew, aunts and uncles and countless cousins.

Philip was known for his wittiness and determination and had many friends across the north through work and play. He lived in Kivalliq Hall while attending high school in Rankin Inlet, worked mostly in the area of community development while working in Baker Lake, Rankin Inlet and Iqaluit. Philip enjoyed successes in snowmobile drag racing and basketball.

He also truly enjoyed boating and hunting at the channels to the coast.

The family would like to express their gratitude to those who supported and prayed for us during his battle with cancer. Thank you to Robyn Ullyot, Robyn Ruff, Harold Brazil and the rest of the health care team in Baker Lake. Also to Dr. Dechert, Dr. Hochman, Dr. Czaykowski, Denise Klassen and the many others who have cared for him. To those at Calm Air and Agnico-Eagle Mines who have gone beyond being his employers and helped us as his friends.

Philip was laid to rest on August 10, 2009 in Baker Lake and the service was led by both Glad Tidings Church and Saint Aidan's Anglican Church. Thank you to those from both churches for not only a wonderful service but also the teachings that you have given us on our journey.

