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MARTIN

GINA MARTIN, DECEMBER 2011

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — A man and woman were found dead with their unharmed baby in a remote western Alaska village when worried relatives went to check on them, family members said Monday.

State troopers were investigating the deaths of Jonathan Paul, 29, and Gina Martin, 26. The couple's 1-year-old daughter, Deann, is staying with Martin's family.

Troopers have not said how the couple died at their home in Kipnuk, a Yupik Eskimo community of 640 people. Even relatives said they haven't been told.

"Nobody knows what happened," said Gina Martin's sister, Patricia Martin. "Just pray for us."

Patricia Martin said she and her mother found the bodies when they went to the couple's home late Saturday night after not hearing from Gina Martin all day.

The door was locked, so Patricia Martin broke in with a butter knife, she said. She couldn't tell what caused the deaths. "I just took the baby and left," she said.

Her mother, Dolly Martin, called a tribal police officer, who notified troopers. Kipnuk is located near the coast of the Bering Sea, about 475 miles west of Anchorage.

Many in the community rely on a subsistence lifestyle, and trapping brings income as well. Most jobs, such as commercial fishing and construction, are seasonal, according to a state community database.



MATHEWS

Emma Lietzke Mathews, 85, died June 28, 2004, at Mary Conrad Center in Anchorage, Alaska. Ms. Mathews was born July 5, 1918, in Bethel, Alaska. She is survived by her daughter, Grace Slayter, and sons, George Clyde, Richard Clyde, and Robert W. Clyde.



MATHLAW

Bethel resident Leonard J. Mathlaw, 20, was found dead Aug. 12, 1991 in the Kuskokwim River near Bethel. A funeral and burial will be held early this week in Bethel. Mr. Mathlaw was born Feb. 24, 1971, in Bethel. He is survived by his mother, Edna of Bethel; his sisters, Alice Williams of Mekoryuk, Evelyn Foster of Dutch Harbor, and Muriel Amos, and Lena and Julie, all of Bethel; and his brothers, Lindgren and Roy, both of Mekoryuk, and Rex and Hansel, both of Bethel. Local arrangements were by Evergreen Memorial Chapel, downtown.



MATTHEWS

Isabell M. Matthews

January 15, 1977 - December 10, 2005

Emmonak, Alaska



MENEGAK

Seward resident Theresa Bertha Menegak, 59, died Dec. 13, 2002, at Providence Seward Medical Center. A visitation will be from 2 to 5 p.m. today at the Anchorage Funeral Home, 1800 Dare Ave. She will be buried in her childhood village of Tununak. Mrs. Menegak was born Sept. 28, 1943, in Kaiyaluwik. Mrs. Menegak was a homemaker. She enjoyed basket weaving, fishing, camping, clamming and outdoor activities. Her family said: "Friends and family knew Theresa as a loving and caring person with a big heart. She was very generous. She cherished spending time with her grandchildren, family and friends." Mrs. Menegak was preceded in death by her parents, Jimmy and Lucy Inakak; sister, Theresa Heckman; and children, Connie Agimuk and Gabriel Menegak. She is survived by her children, Alma Kanrilak,

Bessie Brown, Alexie Menegak, Rose Menegak, Augustine Menegak and Ira Menegak; exhusband, Alphonse Menegak; friend, Robert Duesman; brothers, Peter Thompson, Tommy Kusaiak, Joseph Inakak and Henry Inakak; sisters, Theresa Kanrilak and Agnes Woods; 14 grandchildren; and many relatives.



MENELEY

Anchorage resident and lifelong Alaskan Alma Rose Meneley, 40, died May 12, 1995, at Alaska Native Medical Center. A funeral will be held at 11 a.m. today at Evangelical Covenant Church with visitation beginning at 10 a.m. The Rev. Nathan Toots will officiate. Mrs. Meneley was born July 11, 1954, at Mekoryuk on Nunivak Island. She had been employed as a telephone operator, cab dispatcher, health nutrition assistant, assistant postmistress, teacher's aide and assistant guide for Nunivak Island Guide Services. Mrs. Meneley attended Mt. Edgecumbe High School and graduated from Bethel Regional High School in 1972. She later attended Alaska Methodist University in Anchorage. She was a member of Mekoryuk Covenant Church and enjoyed traveling, basketball, knitting, sewing, hunting, fishing, camping out and playing musical instruments. Her family said: "Alma Rose was a sociable and friendly person with an easy smile. She will be remembered for sharing of herself, even when times were tough, and the love she had for her family." Mrs. Meneley is survived by her husband, Terry, and daughter, Sherilyn Ruth, of Anchorage; parents, Edward and Esther Shavings of Mekoryuk; sisters, Marvella and Louise Shavings of Anchorage; brothers, Chuck Shavings of Anchorage and Lincoln Shavings of Mekoryuk; nieces, 34 Gwen, Charlee and Melanie Shavings, of Anchorage; nephews, Brady, Chad and Isaiah, of Mekoryuk; sister-in-law, Xenia; and many other relatives. She was preceded in death by her younger brother, Edward Shavings Jr. II (CQ), and younger sister, Phyliss Ruth.



MIKE

Robert Mike, 76, died July 8, 1998, of a heart attack at the Wesleyan Rehabilitation Center in Seward. His Yupik name was Talegalria. A service was held at Witzleben Funeral Home with the Rev. Nathan Toots officiating. Pallbearers were Bryon Amos, Joel John, Terry Moses, Bob Ferguson, Steve Hickart and the Witzleben Funeral Home attendant. Mr. Mike was born Jan. 17, 1922, in Mekoryuk on Nunivak Island. He was a member of the First Evangelical Covenant Church of Alaska. He spent most of his life in disabled homes in Bethel, Anchorage and Seward. He left the Island of Mekoryuk in 1967. "He will be greatly missed by us all," his family said. Mr. Mike loved to sing "Jesus, Savior Pilot Me," "When the Saints Go Marching In," and loved the Bible verses of Isaiah 41:10 and Revelation Chapter 21. "He often prayed for his relatives to know our Lord Jesus Christ," the family said. "He loved our Lord with all his heart (and) soul." Mr. Mike leaves his sisters, Nona Amos, Bertha Andrew, Alice Smith, all of Mekoryuk, and Hannah Morris of Cumby, Texas; brothers, Harry Mike of Mekoryuk, Henry Ivanoff and Noah Jones, all of Mekoryuk; 32 nieces and nephews; and many grand-nieces and nephews.



MOORE

Lifelong Alaskan Catherine Teresa "Akiuk" Moore, 83, died Feb. 22, 2002, of cancer and heart complications at her home in Emmonak, surrounded by family. A funeral was Feb. 25 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Mrs. Moore was born Sept. 29, 1918, in Bethel and grew up at Tununak and Toksook Bay. At the age of 13, she traveled to Akuluak with Maggie and Ivan Sipary to attend school and help teach catechism and religion in the Lower Yukon region. She worked as a cook during fishing seasons for Northern Commercial Co. at Emmonak. She was also a cook for RuralCAP Headstart in the early '60s. She taught cultural heritage to children for Emmonak Day School on subjects like basket making and skin sewing. She traveled to Berlin and New York City in 1997 with Ann Feenup- Riordon, helped with her book, "Yup'ik Lives in Alaska Today," along with other elders from different regions in Alaska. Her baskets have been displayed at the University of Alaska Museum and the New York Museum of Arts. Her family wrote: "Catherine truly enjoyed Eskimo dancing. She traveled with the Emmonak dance group all over the region and to Fairbanks and Anchorage. For her grandchildren's first potlatches, she created

headdresses, dancing belts, dance fans and fancy mukluks. "Catherine enjoyed outdoor life, ice fishing, jigging, rod and reeling. She fished all seasons. She loved to play bingo and enjoyed steam baths. "Her deep belief in her church stayed with her to the very end. She prayed daily until her last breath. Her very last message to her children was to be kind to others at all times." Mrs. Moore was preceded in death by her husband, Willie Lanny Moore; sons, Fred, Billy and Lanny; grandchildren, Jascenda Moore, Roberta Uisok and Martina Moore; great-grandchildren, Evan Agathluk and Jerran Bird; son-in-law, Simeon Agathluk Sr.; brothers, Oscar and Michael Andrew; and sisters, Anastasia Nicoli and Stephanie Johnson. She is survived by her children and their spouses, Peter Moore of Emmonak, Martin Sr. and May Moore of Emmonak, Mary Agnes and Evan Uisok of Kotlik, Martha and Bill McGrath of Anchorage, Dora Moore and Paul Smith of Anchorage, Robert and Nancy Moore, Norman Moore and Maynard Moore, Fed and Cora Moore, and Albert and Linda Moore, all of Emmonak; many grandchildren, great-grandchildren and nieces and nephews.



MOORE

Norman Moore

May 15, 1952 - November 23, 2004

Emmonak, Alaska



MORGAN

Aniak resident, Leo Joseph Morgan, 61, died Aug. 7, 2010, of congestive heart failure. An Anchorage service will be held at 9 a.m. today at Evergreen Memorial Chapel, 737 E St. The Rev. Thomas Gallagher will officiate. The funeral will be in Aniak at 2 p.m. Friday. Leo will be laid to rest at his father's Native allotment. Leo was born in a tent at Kalskag on Aug. 16, 1948. He graduated from Copper Valley High School in 1967. A Vietnam veteran, he served in the U.S. Navy (1967-71). He studied at UAA and worked for the state food stamp office in Eagle River in the early 1970s, then 10 years at the Aniak Division of Family and Youth Services. He worked for Kuskokwim Native Association (1982-98) as executive director, then went on to become CEO of the Alaska Native Health Board for two years. Leo served on the Aniak City Council, Aniak Traditional Council, St. Theresa's Catholic Church Parish Council, Kuskokwim Unit 19 Moose Planning Committee, Interior Rivers State Fair, 15 years on the Kuspuk School Board, and was a founding father of The Kuskokwim Corporation, serving on the board of directors, mostly as chairman, since 1979. He enjoyed all activities associated with living a traditional lifestyle along the Kuskokwim River. Leo was preceded in death by his parents, Carl and Nancy Morgan; grandparents, Michael and Agnes Passamika and George and Mary Josephine Morgan. He is survived by his wife, Edith; aunts, Theresa Parent, Maggie Nicholai, Clara Morgan, Mary Passamika, Theresa Morgan, Winifred Pitka, Theresa Alexie, Mary Ann Vaska, and Irene Passamika; uncle Paul Passamika; sisters, Francine and Barbara; brothers Carl (Angie), Leonard (Nancy), Jimmy, Billy (Twinks), Walter, Nicky (Beverly), Harry, Wayne (Martha), Bruce (Okie) and Dan (Jane) Gusauskas; children, Robert Morgan (Helen Alexie), Michelle (Bradley) Ayers; and grandchildren, Sean and Melissa Ward, Leo R. Morgan and Gabriel Ayers; and many nieces, nephews and friends. In lieu of flowers, Leo requested donations be made in his memory to the Kuskokwim Educational Foundation, 4300 B St., Anchorage 99503; www.kuskokwim.com. Arrangements are with Janssen's Evergreen Memorial Chapel; www.janssenfuneralhomes.com



Aniak resident Nancy C. Morgan, 78, died April 30, 2010, at the Alaska Native Medical Center in the presence of her family. She was born Oct. 18, 1931, to Michael Passamika and Agnes Tukuyuk in Piamute, on the Yukon River. She spent her early childhood there until her family moved to Kalskag. At 16 she married Carl Morgan Sr. They lived in Kalskag and Aniak and had 12 children. Nancy was a devout Catholic; she served as St. Theresa's eucharistic minister, Sunday school teacher, choir leader and

parish council member. Nancy was a dedicated teacher who first taught preschool, then, until the end, the Yupik language, culture and traditions to several generations. She was also a Yupik language mentor for the Kuspuks School District and the University of Alaska Fairbanks. Nancy actively lived a traditional lifestyle. She instilled in her children and grandchildren the value of living a traditional subsistence life. She enjoyed skin sewing and making mukluks, kuspuks, malagayaqs and beadwork and she loved to play bingo. Her family wrote: "Everyone knows her as Gramma Nancy; she was a very kind-hearted lady who never refused a request for help, whether it be spiritually, mentally or physically or a place to stay. She made both children and adults feel like they were very special individuals and encouraged them in whatever path they chose to take. We are all very lucky to have such a wonderful influence in our lives." She loved her family so much that she wanted to live in both worlds, not wanting to leave her family, yet wanting to be reunited with her loving husband, Carl. Nancy was preceded in death by her husband, Carl Morgan; her parents; brother, Nick Passamika; and sister, Annie Mary Simeon. She is survived by her sisters, Winifred Pitka, Theresa Alexie, Mary Ann Vaska and Irene Passamika; brother, Paul Passamika; sisters-in-law, Theresa Parent, Maggie Nicholai, Clara Morgan and Theresa Morgan; children, Leo (Edith), Carl (Angie), Leonard (Nancy), Jimmy, Billy (Twinks), Walter, Nicky (Beverly), Francine, Harry (Sarah), Barbara, Wayne (Martha), Bruce (Okie) and Dan (Jane) Gusauskas; 46 grandchildren; 63 great-grandchildren; one great-great grandchild; and many nieces, nephews, and friends.



MOSES

Delores M. Moses

February 18, 1926 - June 13, 2003

Emmonak, Alaska



Isadore Moses, infant son of Diana Therchik and Anthony Moses, of Toksook Bay, died Sept. 9, 1992 at the Alaska Native Medical Center in Anchorage. Arrangements are pending at Evergreen Memorial Chapel.



Alaska resident John Evan Moses, 36, died Dec. 29, 1993 at the Alaska Native Medical Center. A funeral and burial service will be held in Tununak early next week. Mr. Moses was born Aug. 15, 1957, at Nelson Island and had worked in fish canneries. He is survived by his mother and stepfather, Mary Ann and Tommy Hooper of Tununak; three sisters, Maggie John of Toksook Bay, Maria Angaik of Tununak, and Cora Mae Peltola of Bethel; his half-sister, Martina Hooper of Bethel; and one brother, David Moses of Tununak. Local arrangements were handled by Evergreen Memorial Chapel.



Anchorage resident Leslie Mark Moses, 22, died Sept. 20, 1992 at home. A visitation will be held from 3 to 5 p.m. Thursday at Evergreen Memorial Chapel, Spenard Road and Wyoming Drive. Funeral and burial services will be held this week at the Chevak Cemetery. Mr. Moses was born Nov. 27, 1969, in Bethel. He attended high school in St. Marys for two years before moving to Anchorage, where he graduated from West High. Mr. Moses attended Southwest Indian Politechnical Institute in Albuquerque, N.M., for three years, and enjoyed fishing. He is survived by his parents, Mary and Leo Sr. of Chevak; his brother, "Sunny" of Chevak; his sisters, Linda Oates of Fairbanks, and Leona Moses of Chevak; his aunts and uncles, Theresa and Forest Browning, and Lucinda Blair of Anchorage, Samuel of Chefnak, George Sr. of Hooper Bay, and John of Chevak; and many cousins.



Tommy L. Moses

March 7, 1922 - September 28, 2010

Emmonak, Alaska



Mekoryuk resident Ted Moses, 66, died June 4, 1996, on Nunivak Island in a helicopter crash. A funeral will be held at 4 p.m. today at First Baptist Church, 1100 W. 10th Ave., with a visitation one hour prior. Pastor Jonathan Wilson of First Native Baptist Church will officiate. Additional services will be held in Mekoryuk on Tuesday afternoon at the Covenant Church, with a burial following. Mr. Moses was born in Nash Harbor on Nunivak Island on Oct. 5, 1929. He graduated from Mount Edgecumbe High School in 1948. He attended the RCA Institute of New York. He also attended Bible school and self-improvement courses. He served four years in the Air Force. Mr. Moses worked for the civil service for 30 years, retiring in 1989. He then went to work for Bering Sea Reindeer. Mr. Moses was a member of the First Native Baptist Church in Anchorage, the Evangelical Covenant Church of Mekoryuk and Alaska Native Baptist Fellowship Inc. His hobbies and special interests included flying, photography, sacred music, fishing, hunting, economic development, reindeer husbandry, reading and Native Alaskan crafts and carving. His family said, "He was a devoted, faithful, loving and caring father, a friend to all. He loved his wife . . . and provided for her in life and in death. He gave his best to everyone, at work, family, friends or strangers. He radiated a sincere smile. He was adventurous and eager to meet people here and internationally. He was well-known and loved in Alaska, the Lower 48, 38 as well as in Russia and Norway. He was hard-working, and always had a positive outlook, and was young and vital in living. 'When I kick the bucket, I'm going to kick it hard!' he once said to a friend." Mr. Moses is survived by his wife, Mabel of Mekoryuk; sons Terry, James and Bryan Moses, daughter, Barbara Rustman, and two granddaughters, all of Anchorage; brothers, Jesse and Joseph of Bethel; sisters, Susie Williams and Bertha Andrew of Mekoryuk; sisters-in-law, Ada Hengel of Winona, Minn., and Minnie Grace Scribner of Anchorage. Memorial donations may be made to the Teddy Moses Family Fund, an account set up at the First National Bank of Anchorage, Bethel Branch.



MUTE

ISAAC MUTE Services for Isaac Mute, 61, a commercial fisherman, will be held later in Kipnuk. Born Aug. 7, 1926, in Kipnuk, Mr. Mute died Thursday, April 14, 1988 near Tuntutuliak. He is survived by his wife, May, of Kipnuk; eight sons, Wassilie, of Koyuk, David, James and Sam, of Bethel, Joseph of Kongiganak, John, of Kalskag, and Paul, of Kipnuk; four daughters, Sally Mute and Elizabeth Bowers of Anchorage; Gail Lamont of Tuluksak, and Martha Crawford of Pahoa, Hawaii; one brother, Charlie Mute of Kipnuk; and three sisters, Mary Gregory of Bethel, Lena Atti and Nellie Evon, both of Kwigillingok, and 22 grandchildren. Burial will be in the Kipnuk cemetery. Local arrangements by Kehl's Forest Lawn Mortuary and Crematory.



NICK

Elena "Narullgiar" Phillips Nick, 77, suffered from acute pancreatitis and died during Slaaviq (a church holiday) on Jan. 11, 1999, at Alaska Native Medical Center with family at her side. Burial was in Nunapitchuk Cemetery. Mrs. Nick's 20-day feast will be celebrated today in Bethel. Mrs. Nick was born Oct. 10, 1921, to Cupluar and Qakvaralria in Kayalivik near Newtok on Nelson Island. She attended the first Nunapitchuk School up to the sixth grade. In 1940, she married Nick O. Nick "Upay'aq," with whom she raised nine children. Besides being a wife and mother, she and Upay'aq ran Nick O. Nick's Store, which they started in the 1950s. Mrs. Nick was a talented skin sewer, her family said, creating fur garments for her loved ones. She passed on her gift of skin sewing as a mentor-teacher. Her family said: "An outspoken woman, Elena shared her knowledge and values at church, in the schools and within the community. Elena was involved in education as president of the local PTA, as a member of the Nunapitchuk School Board and as a classroom resource speaker." Mrs. Nick moved to Bethel in the late 1980s. She enjoyed the Chrissy Shantz Senior Center while living at the Ayalpik Apartments. She believed in her Orthodox faith and enjoyed fellowship with Moravian and Pentecostal congregations. Her family said: "Throughout her life, Elena found joy and laughter with those around her, particularly in the

company of her sisters and grandchildren. She cherished church holidays, especially Slaaviq. Elena enjoyed storytelling, knitting, beading, fish camp and traveling. In her spare time, she read the Bible and put together jigsaw puzzles." Mrs. Nick is survived by her children, Robert "Yuukaq" and his wife Elena, Marie "Cupluar/Arnaq" and her companion Matt O'Leary, Nastasia "Qak'aq" and Dan Osentoski, Michael "Atsaq," Barbara "Maklak" and her husband Chris Liu, Susan "Upay'aq" and her husband Darold Hoffman, Joseph "Anguksuar," and Nick Jr. "Tanuk'aq"; son-in-law, Chris Cooke; 25 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and many other relatives. Mrs. Nick was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Nick O. Nick "Upay'aq"; brothers, Wasillie "Tuntuller" Phillips, Bobby "Egalaaq" Phillips, and John "Kill'aq" Phillips; sisters, Sophie "Kaagyugaq" Nicholai and Eliza "Mik'aq" Chase; daughter, Margaret "Tun'aq" Cooke; nephew, Richard "Itik'aq" Chase; and her granddaughter, Jacqlyn Nicole Nick. Arrangements were by Evergreen Memorial Chapel.



OLRUN

Palmer T. Orlun, 52, died Jan. 17, 1996, on the Denali Highway near Maclaren River. A funeral for Mr. Orlun, his wife and grandson will be conducted at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Evangelical Covenant Church at C Street and 15th Avenue. A visitation will begin at 11 a.m. at the church. The Rev. Nathan Toot will officiate. Mr. Orlun was born Oct. 16, 1943, in Nash Harbor on Nunivak Island. He was a retired member of the Alaska National Guard who served until November 1990. He had also worked for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service out of Bethel. He was an accomplished carver. His family said: "Palmer was a kind, humble, soft-spoken and hardworking man who was known for his ivory and soapstone carvings. He loved the outdoors and was a very skillful hunter and fisherman, always able to provide for his family." Mr. Orlun is survived by his mother, Daisy; brothers, Daniel Sr. and Stephen, all of Mekoryuk; Eben Orlun and Wes Weston of Anchorage and Leonard and Wallen of Bethel; his sister, Margaret Hobbs of Anchorage; his children, Angelina of Chicago, Cindy, Eddie and Regina, all of Anchorage; six grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and 14 nieces and nephews. Service arrangements were handled by Anchorage Funeral Home.



Ethan K. Orlun, 2, died Jan. 17, 1996, with his grandparents on the Denali Highway near the Maclaren River. He was born March 29, 1993, in Chicago. A funeral for the Orluns will be conducted at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Evangelical Covenant Church at C Street and 15th Avenue. A visitation will begin at 11 a.m. at the church. The Rev. Nathan Toot will officiate. Ethan lived in Anchorage all his life and loved playing with his "choochoo" train. He also enjoyed fishing with his grandparents. His family said: "Ethan always brought a smile to everyone when he came into a room. He knew he was cute and always had a smile on his face. He was a very special little boy who loved his family and will always be remembered." Ethan is survived by his mother, Cynthia of Anchorage; sister, Lauren of British Columbia; and brother, Peter of Anchorage.



Lifelong Alaska Leah K. Orlun, 51, died Jan. 17, 1996, on the Denali Highway near Maclaren River. A funeral for Mrs. Orlun, her husband and grandson will be conducted at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Evangelical Covenant Church at C Street and 15th Avenue. A visitation will begin at 11 a.m. at the church. The Rev. Nathan Toot will officiate. She was born June 22, 1944, in the Mekoryuk area on Nunivak Island. She had lived in Anchorage since she was a child and had worked for the District Attorney's office and the Alaska Department of Corrections. Most recently, she was employed by the Alaska Native Medical Center. Mrs. Orlun was a member of the Evangelical Covenant Church in Anchorage. 36 She enjoyed traveling, fishing, knitting, sewing and music. Her family made the following statement: "Leah was a woman equipped for both worlds: the English way of life and the Yup'ik way of life. She had an even balance. She loved the outdoors and knew how to live and survive in it from a very young age. "Leah and her husband loved their children and put aside their problems to listen to the needs of their children. She and her husband were always a phone call away to listen to the worries of others. She was kind and there to help

her family and others from the island of her birth. She was compassionate and loved their children and grandchildren. She was very gifted with her hands at crocheting nylon purses and bags. She was also good at preparing Native foods." Mrs. Olrun is survived by her parents, Edward and Nan Kiokun of Mekoryuk; sisters, Hilma Shaving of Anchorage, Winfred Mockta of Mekoryuk; brothers, Hultman "Ike" Kiokun of Mekoryuk, William Kiokun of Palmer and Marvin Kiokun of Mekoryuk; her children, Angelina of Chicago, Cindy, Eddie and Regina, all of Anchorage; six grandchildren, four greatgrandchildren and 17 nieces and nephews.



Bethel resident Olie Olrun Jr., 21, died Feb. 13, 1995, near Pinkey's Park in Bethel. He broke his neck as a result of a snowmachine accident. A service was held Feb. 16 at the Moravian Church in Bethel. Pallbearers were Oscar Jenkins, Paul Jenkins, Ronnie Olrun, Mark Olrun, Leonard Olrun and Stewart Olrun. Mr. Olrun was born Nov. 13, 1963, in Mekoryuk, where he attended grade school. He attended high school in Bethel and earned a diploma. He also attended refrigeration school in Arizona and worked for Alaska Airlines and ERA as a ground crewman in cargo. 33 Mr. Olrun was a member of the Evangelical Covenant Church and Pentecostal Church and enjoyed listening to gospel music. He also enjoyed hunting by snowmachine and boat, fishing and hunting birds, and especially fixing things. His family said: "Olie will be greatly missed by all who knew him. He set a very good example of a hard worker, always on task, and often humorous. He was always willing to help in any way he could. Work prevented him from spending too much time with his family. He liked the simple family life. We will treasure all the time we had as a family. He was a loving father, husband, son and brother. The Lord gives and he takes. We have trust in the Lord always." Mr. Olrun is survived by his parents, Daisy and Olie Sr. of Anchorage; wife, Pauline, daughter, Monica, sons, Christopher, Olie Boy III and Aaron, all of Bethel; brother and sister-in-law, Daniel and Prudy, and their seven children of Mekoryuk; brothers and sisters-in-law and their families, Palmer and Leah, and their five children; Eben and Grace, and their son; Leonard and Theresa of Bethel; Stephen of Mekoryuk; and Wallen and Flora and their two children of Bethel; sister and brother-in-law, Margaret and Michael Hobbs of Anchorage, and their two sons.



OSCAR

Lifelong Alaskan Jimmie "Kaganak" Oscar Sr., 72, died Nov. 14, 1994 at Alaska Native Medical Center in Anchorage. A service was held Nov. 21 at the Catholic church in Bethel. Burial took place in the old cemetery in Bethel. Mr. Oscar was born May 14, 1922, in Tununak on Nelson Island. In 1954, Mr. Oscar and his family moved from Tununak to Bethel for his children's education. Mr. Oscar enjoyed fishing, hunting, trapping and outdoor life. He worked as a subsistence fisherman and as a commercial fisherman in Bristol Bay for the past 30 years. During the summers, he sometimes worked in the canneries. His family said: "As a trapper, he used to trap over 100 minks each winter. When trapping, he lived at Chilugan and Chukfaktooliq. He used dog teams at Kayaluvik and Newtok. One lead dog was named 'Keeviak,' meaning red fox. Every winter he traveled to Bethel by dog team to buy grub and kerosene. Mr. Oscar always made everyone around him laugh. He will be missed by all his family and friends." Mr. Oscar is survived by his wife, Martina of Anchorage; his daughters, Sophie Shuler, Teresa Fisk and Minnie Oscar, all of Anchorage, and Maria Guinn of Bethel; his sons, Paul Sr. of Bethel and George of Anchorage; his brother, Joseph of Tununak; his nephew, Andrew George of Nightmute; 29 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren; his close friends and relatives, Louie Andrew of Bethel and Alexie Jimmy of Toksook Bay; and many other relatives and friends throughout Alaska. Arrangements were handled by Evergreen Memorial Chapel.



Anchorage resident Rosemary Oscar, 32, died March 12, 2005, at Alaska Native Medical Center. Visitation will be at 10 a.m., with a funeral at 11 a.m. Friday at Hope Cottages, 570 W. International Airport Road. The Rev. Steven Sanders will officiate. Burial will be at Anchorage Memorial Park. Ms. Oscar was born Oct. 22, 1972, in Bethel. She worked for Hope Community Resources in the records department.

She was a member of the Orutsararmiut Native Council in Bethel, Hope Community Resources, ARCA and the Eastside United Pentecostal Church, where she assisted in the children's Sunday school classes. She also received awards in the Special Olympics. Ms. Oscar enjoyed crocheting, beading, bowling and bingo and loved nature. "She was my big sister and I was her little brother, and she would let me know," her brother wrote. "When I felt sad, she would show a piece of her heart and that made me feel a lot better." Her family wrote: "Rosemary touched us with love every day in every way. Her smile and laugh and just being herself will be missed. We all have cherished memories and will always love her." Survivors include her parents, Isabel and Thomas Oscar Sr. of Bethel; brothers and sisters-in-law, Thomas Jr. and Angela Oscar, Xavier and Emma Oscar, and Harry and Hilda Oscar, all of Bethel; foster parents, Patricia and Mark Fuller of Anchorage; daughter, Selena Commacho of Texas; nieces, Ayisha and Cherilyn Oscar, Chelsea Oscar, Brittney Oscar and Brianna Oscar; nephews, Damon and Marcus Oscar and Tristen Manchuak; grandmother, Jane Oscar of Bethel; uncles, David Oscar of Kasigluk, John Oscar of Mekoryuk, Jimmy Oscar of Bethel, Joseph Jr. Oscar of Tununak, Dick Lincoln of Tununak, Alois Lincoln of Toksook Bay and David Bill of Toksook Bay; aunts, Lucy Egan, Julia Nevak of Toksook Bay and Julia Bill of Toksook Bay; and biological mother, Maggie Karl of Toksook Bay. She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Joseph Oscar Sr. and Stephanie Naiagnik. Arrangements are with Evergreen Memorial Chapel.



Pamela Christine Oscar, 29, died peacefully June 20, 1999, at Alaska Native Medical Center. Visitation will be from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. today at Evergreen Memorial Chapel, downtown. A funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Mekoryuk Covenant Church in Mekoryuk. Mrs. Oscar was born July 30, 1969, in Anchorage. She was raised in Mekoryuk until she moved briefly to Bethel in 1977. She graduated from the Mekoryuk high school in 1983. She had worked for the Swanson's store in Bethel, the Tununak Headstart Program and the Tununak Native Store. She left for Madison, Wis., and received her double lung transplant on Christmas Day 1996. She returned to Alaska in 1997 and has since lived in Anchorage with her family. Mrs. Oscar was a member of Mekoryuk Covenant Church and the Evangelical Covenant Church in Madison. She was married in Tununak at St. Joseph's Catholic Church on Aug. 29, 1992. Mrs. Oscar enjoyed making beadwork, knitting, reading, listening to music, subsistence gathering, family activities, and especially her children's development and spiritual virtues. Her sisters said: "She used to encourage us when we had problems. We will miss her support and guidance." "She was always caring and compassionate," her husband said. A family friend described her as having "great strength and courage, and shared her love with all." Mrs. Oscar is survived by husband, John Oscar of Anchorage; children, Kayleen, Aaron, Jeremy and Caroline of Anchorage; mother, Dora John of Anchorage and Mekoryuk; brothers, Bobby John and Joel John of Mekoryuk, and Moses John of Dillingham; sisters, Marianne John Williams of Mekoryuk and Clarissa John of Anchorage; grandmother, Mildred Whitman of Mekoryuk; uncles, David David, Alvin David, Eugene David and Emory David of Mekoryuk; and aunts, Julie Shore of Palmer and Dina David of Bethel; and all her friends and relatives. She was preceded in death by her father, Kusowyuk John, and brother, Clement John.



OSTROSKY

Harold 'Hank' Ostrosky, 71, died Oct. 3, 1997, in Anchorage. A service will be from noon to 3 p.m. Saturday at Fairview Recreation Center. Burial will follow at Anchorage Memorial Park Cemetery. A potlatch celebration featuring North American and Pacific Island indigenous performers will be conducted from 4 to 8 p.m. at the recreation center. In addition to family members, honorary pallbearers will include representatives of the following groups: Yupik, Inupiat, Athabaskan, Dena'ina, Eyak, Tlingit, Haida, Hawaiian, Ozinki, Oneida and Lakota. They are: Zeck Koa Donahue, Daniel Ostrosky, George, Archie and Clayton Gottchalk, Etok, Gary Harrison, Mary Ann Mills, Thomas McGloin, Ralph Mancuso, Gary Patton, Tom Able, Androcles Kaawa, Ron Barnes, Nick Katelnikoff, Pam Colorado, Richard Grass, Marie SmithJones, Peter Pitka, Moses Pavilla, Liko Martin, Harry Davidson, Drew Froelich, Dr. Richard Haard, Jim Sykes, Mark Clark and Peter Ruocco. Mr. Ostrosky was born Aug. 2, 1926, in Torrington, Conn. An

Alaska resident since 1948, he lived and worked in various places. He was a bush pilot and cattle wrangler on Afognak Island from 1948-1956. A commercial fisherman from 1948-1990, he was also an electronics technician from 1957-1967, and publisher/editor of the Bristol Bay News 44 from 1960-1971. At the time of his death he had been a human rights and sovereignty advocate/consultant to various indigenous peoples throughout North America and the Pacific since 1969, and official representative for the traditional elders council of Atmautluak and Tununak, Alaska, since 1987. His children wrote: "Hank was jailed twice as a political prisoner, once on 'littering' charges and later he spent over six months in jail for saying the words: 'You have no jurisdiction here.' " "He was a champion of people everywhere, fighting for their indigenous rights and titles. His main purpose in life was to develop, for future generations, what he called a 'psycho-socio-bio-economic system.' "Our dad taught us the meaning of integrity, dignity, honor, and unselfish generosity. He was a master craftsman of words. Always articulate, he reconstructed the language to eliminate the possibility of its corruption and to more accurately depict the truth. He never compromised his ideals and integrity, and the power of his being and his presence on our Earth made us feel protected and safe from injustice and oppression. We fervently hope that those of us left will find the courage to rage, rage against the dying of the light." Mr. Ostrosky is survived by his daughters, Lori of Alaska and Julianne of Hawaii; grandchildren, Zeck and Ryder Donahue, both of Hawaii, and Emerald Kaitryn of Alaska; sister, Barbara Mancuso; brothers, Daniel and Edward; nephews, Ralph, Steve and Mike Mancuso; niece, Darlene; and son-in-law, Thomas McGloin. He was preceded in death by the mother of his children and the woman he loved, Kathryn Louise Baker Ostrosky, and Zeck Martin Ostrosky. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Harold "Hank" Ostrosky Memorial Fund at First National Bank of Anchorage, and later to the Hank Ostrosky Indigenous Rights and Titles Foundation. Arrangements by Evergreen Memorial Chapels.



JOSEPH A. OSTROWSKI, Memorial services for Joseph Allen Ostrowski, 32, will be held at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Browerville, Minn. He died Nov. 16, 1985 in a plane crash 10 miles north of Quinhagak., Born Feb. 7, 1953 in Bertha, Minn., he had lived in Alaska for eight years. He graduated from Vermillion State University at Ely, Minn., with a bachelor of science degree in education. He had taught high school industrial arts in Northway, Selawick, Toksook Bay and was in his fourth year of teaching at Quinhagak. He was also a commercial fisherman. He is survived by his wife, Donna, of Quinhagak; one son, Seth Paul of Quinhagak; his parents, Louis and Frances Ostrowski Sr. of Browerville, Minn.; three brothers, Louis Jr. of Staples, Minn., Frederick of Anoka, Minn., and Michael of Browerville; four sisters, Grace Pass of St. Paul, Minn., Tina Buczynski of Brookston, Minn., Marie Noha of North Branch, Minn., and Margaret Zaworski of Minneapolis, Minn. Memorial contributions may be directed to the Women In Crisis, Men's Program, 702 10th Ave., Fairbanks, Alaska 99701. Arrangements by Evergreen Memorial Chapel.



OVERTON

Aniak resident Lee Frank Overton, 78, died Feb. 4, 2006, at home. A service will be at noon Thursday at Kehl's Forest Lawn Chapel with a visitation at 11 a.m. Mr. Overton was born Nov. 22, 1927, in Broadus, Mont., to Esther and Loy Overton. He moved to Alaska in 1949 when he drove up the Alaska Highway with his brothers. He lived in Seward, Palmer, Eagle River from 1957 to 1977, and in Aniak until his death. Mr. Overton was a refrigeration supervisor for Fort Richardson and was a civilian employee and self-employed. He retired from Fort Richardson in December 1977 and had served in the Navy. Mr. Overton was a member of the Kuskokwim Mission in Aniak. His family wrote: "Lee always was there to help anyone. He was always busy doing something. He truly loved the Lord Jesus Christ and served faithfully in the church. He will be truly missed by family and friends, but we'll see him again in heaven." Mr. Overton is survived by his wife, Agnes Overton; children, Sam Overton and Elaine Simeon, both of Aniak, and Ellie Wright of Wasilla; grandchildren, Pete Tom Kelila, Christina, Gary Jr., Gerald, Joshua, Charlene and Pete Wright, Jasmin, Shelby Lee and Soren Simeon and Stephanie Overton; and siblings, Carol, Lone, Darlene, Vearl and Allen. He was preceded in death by his parents, Loy and Esther Overton;

siblings, Clifford, Evelyn, Ollie; and son, Walter Overton.



PASKO

Bethel resident John Pasko, 82, a hunter and restaurant manager, died Feb. 12, 1990 at Alaska Native Medical Center. A funeral will be held next week in Chefnak, with burial in the St. Catherine's Parish Cemetery. Mr. Pasko was born Feb. 5, 1908, in Kinaq. He is survived by his stepmother, Matilda Hooper, and stepbrother, George Hooper; both of Tununak; his stepsister, Maria Alirkar, of Tooksook Bay, and his daughters-in-law, Cecilia Anthony and Jane Wiseman, both of 13 Chefnak; 12 grandchildren; one greatgranddaughter, Valerie Wiseman, of Chefnak; and many nieces, nephews and cousins. Local arrangements were by Evergreen Memorial Chapel, Eighth Avenue and E Street.



PASSAMIKA

Mary Passamika of Upper Kalskag. 15 October 1926 - 28 March 2011. Source: The Kuskokwim Drift, newsletter of the Kuskokwim Corporation, Summer 2011



PAUL

JONATHAN PAUL, DECEMBER 2011

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — A man and woman were found dead with their unharmed baby in a remote western Alaska village when worried relatives went to check on them, family members said Monday.

State troopers were investigating the deaths of Jonathan Paul, 29, and Gina Martin, 26. The couple's 1-year-old daughter, Deann, is staying with Martin's family.

Troopers have not said how the couple died at their home in Kipnuk, a Yupik Eskimo community of 640 people. Even relatives said they haven't been told.

"Nobody knows what happened," said Gina Martin's sister, Patricia Martin. "Just pray for us."

Patricia Martin said she and her mother found the bodies when they went to the couple's home late Saturday night after not hearing from Gina Martin all day.

The door was locked, so Patricia Martin broke in with a butter knife, she said. She couldn't tell what caused the deaths. "I just took the baby and left," she said.

Her mother, Dolly Martin, called a tribal police officer, who notified troopers. Kipnuk is located near the coast of the Bering Sea, about 475 miles west of Anchorage.

Many in the community rely on a subsistence lifestyle, and trapping brings income as well. Most jobs, such as commercial fishing and construction, are seasonal, according to a state community database.



JOSEPH PAUL, Services for lifelong Alaska resident Joseph Jim Paul, a former chairman of the Kuskokwim Federation of the Blind and the Alaska Native Blind Development, will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Evergreen Memorial Chapel with the Rev. August Alexie of the Moravian Church of God officiating. A visitation will precede the service from 1 to 2 p.m. Mr. Paul, 54, died Sunday, Feb. 14, 1988, at his Anchorage home. He was born May 4, 1933, in Kipnuk. He had worked at the vending stand in the State Court Building in Anchorage and had owned and operated the Cracker Jack Cabin in Kipnuk. He was a member of the Bethel and Rabbit Creek Lions Clubs, and was a former member of the Kipnuk School Board. He was known for his musical talents and composed in both English and the central Yupik language. He enjoyed sharing his interest in music by teaching. He leaves his wife, Natalie; his sons, Gary and Clifford; his daughters, Joann and Nancy; his brothers, David and Johnnie; and 14 grandchildren; all of Kipnuk. Burial will be in Kipnuk later this week. Memorials may be sent to the Alaska Native Blind Development, P. O. Box 100224, Anchorage 99510.



AMES PAUL SR. A funeral service and burial for James Paul, Sr., a lifelong Alaska resident, will be held later this week in Kipnuk. Mr. Paul, 76, died Saturday, May 7, 1988, at the Alaska Native Medical Center. He was born Feb. 14, 1912, in Kipnuk. He was a commercial fisherman and served in the Alaska

Territorial Guard. He leaves his wife, Julia, of Kipnuk; his daughters, Alice Kalistook and Natalia Knight, both of Bethel, Rosemary Strauss and Rita Paul, both of Kipnuk, and Doris Paul, of Anchorage; his sons, Peter, Paul and James, all of Kipnuk; and 17 grandchildren. Service arrangements were by Evergreen Memorial Chapel. May 10, 1988



Suzanne Paul
June 6, 1933 - January 12, 2007
Emmonak, Alaska



PETER

James Peter Jr., 33, a self-employed commercial fisherman, died Sept. 30, 1991 at his Bethel residence. A funeral will be held this week at the Moravian Church in Bethel. Burial will be in the Bethel Cemetery. Mr. Peter was born May 20, 1958, in Bethel. He was a West High graduate. He is survived by his parents, Daisy and James Sr., of Bethel; his brothers, Joe of Marshall, John of Akiak, Richard, Ronnie and Norman, all of Bethel, and Max of Anchorage; his sisters, Polly Lewis of Akiachak, Phyllis of Kipnuk, and Renay Clifton of Oklahoma. Arrangements were by Witzleben Family Funeral Homes and Crematory, Bragaw Chapel



Lifelong Alaskan John George Peter, 46, died Dec. 2, 1996, at his Bethel residence. Visitation will be held today from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Evergreen Memorial Chapel, downtown. Funeral and burial services will take place in Bethel next week. Mr. Peter was born July 3, 1950, in Bethel. He received his bachelor's degree in accounting and worked in Anchorage, Mountain Village, Akiak and Bethel. He was a member of the Bethel Moravian Church and was wellknown and loved. "He will be greatly missed," his family said. Mr. Peter is survived by his wife, Mary of Anchorage; daughters, Patricia of Bethel, Angela of Anchorage, Tracy of Toksook Bay, Christina Clifton of Orlando, Fla., Daisy of Bethel, and stepdaughter, Marilyn of Bethel; parents, James and Daisy Peter of Bethel; sisters, Polly Lewis of Eek, Phyllis Peter of Kipnuk, and Renay Clifton of Orlando; brothers, Joe of Marshall, Richard and Norman of Bethel, Max of Anchorage, and Ronnie of Kipnuk.



PHILLIPS

Onessia Phillips of Crooked Creek. 19 July 1929 - 2 March 2011. Source: The Kuskokwim Drift, newsletter of the Kuskokwim Corporation, Summer 2011



PIAKAK

CHESALEE JULIA PIAKAK, Services for Chesalee Julia Piakak, 4, will be at noon Saturday at Mountain View Baptist Church with the Rev. John Beyers officiating. A visitation will precede the service from 11 a.m. to noon. Chesalee died Monday, March 7, 1988, at Our Lady of Compassion Care Center. She was born Dec. 19, 1983, in Bethel, Alaska. She leaves her parents, Tom and Susan Piakak of Anchorage; her sister, Christina, of Anchorage; her maternal grandparents, Lloyd and Barbara Williams, of Seattle; and her paternal grandfather, Nellie, of Kipnuk. Burial will be in the Kipnuk Cemetery. Service arrangements were by Witzleben Family Funeral Homes and Crematory, Sixth Avenue Chapel.



PITKA

Toksook Bay resident Ralph H. Pitka, 28, died July 15, 1991 near Bethel. Arrangements are pending at Kehl's Forest Lawn Mortuary and Crematory.



GREGORY PITKA Services for Gregory Pitka, 19, will be held later this week in Toksook Bay. Mr. Pitka died Oct. 30, 1987 in Bethel. Born Dec. 15, 1965, he was a recent graduate of the Toksook Bay High

School. He leaves his parents, Gabriel and Alice; his brothers, Ralph, Robert, Frank, and John Paul; and sisters, Stella and Margaret, all of Toksook Bay. Local arrangements were by Witzleben Family Funeral Homes and Crematory, Sixth Avenue Chapel.



RABIDOU

Marie Rabidou, 84, a resident of Our Lady of Compassion Care Center, died there March 2, 1990. A funeral service will be conducted later this week at St. Mary's Church in Aniak. Mrs. Rabidou was born May 11, 1905, in Chefnak, and was a lifelong Alaska resident. She worked as a housewife and enjoyed sewing, fishing, berrypicking and camping. According to her family, she was a great story teller and Eskimo dancer. Survivors include one daughter, Sophie Sakar of Chuathbaluk; eight grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren. Local arrangements were by Evergreen Memorial Chapel, 737 E Street.



REDFOX

Alfred Redfox

August 10, 1926 - April 22, 1999

Emmonak, Alaska



Angela F. Redfox

September 8, 1926 - March 17, 2010

Emmonak, Alaska



Cecilia Redfox

December 26, 1933 - December 11, 2010

Emmonak, Alaska



Elizabeth M. Redfox

November 8, 1965 - June 18, 2008

Emmonak, Alaska



ROBERTS

Alaska resident David Thomas Charles "Charlie" Roberts, 16, died May 8, 1993 in Chefnak. A funeral will be held today at Platinum Moravian Church in Platinum with Frank Methew officiating. Burial will be held at Platinum Cemetery. Mr. Roberts was born Nov. 16, 1976, in Bethel, and was a ninth-grade student in Platinum. He enjoyed basketball and Native Youth Olympics. He is survived by his father, John of Quinhagak; his mother and stepfather, Pauline and James Wasili; a sister, Jamie Wasili; six brothers, Jason, Simeon, Eric, Christopher and Peter Wasili, and Justin Bunett, all of Chefnak; his maternal grandmother, Margaret Kasayulie of Platinum; his paternal grandfather, Robert Roberts of Quinhagak; his uncle, James Kasayulie of Platinum; and other relatives in Quinhagak. Local arrangements were handled by Witzleben's Bragaw Chapel.



ROBERTSON

Anna Dorothy Robertson, 66, died Dec. 10, 2004, at Meadowbrook Place in Baker City, Ore. Ms. Robertson was born Dec. 15, 1937, in Russian Mission, Alaska. She is survived by her daughter, Stella Davis; son, Alan Cisco; and granddaughter, Christina Plunkett. "Annie" worked as a nurse's aide in several hospitals and she also waitressed. She enjoyed telling stories of her childhood and tales of the '64 earthquake.



RUSSE

Lifelong Alaska resident Gertrude S. "Gertie" Russi, 53, died March 10, 1995, at Madigan Army Medical Center in Tacoma, Wash. A funeral will be held at 1 p.m. Friday at Evangelical Covenant Church, with visitation beginning at noon. The Rev. Nathan Toots will officiate. Burial will follow in Anchorage Memorial Park Cemetery. Pallbearers include Gary, Glenn and Melvin Ivanoff, Samuel Shavings, Walter Dotomain and Rueban Noratuk. Mrs. Russi was born May 12, 1941, in Mekoryuk on Nunivak Island. She was the postmistress in Mekoryuk and moved to Anchorage in 1974. She worked for the U.S. Postal Service for many years in Mekoryuk and Anchorage and had volunteered at the Crisis Center in Anchorage. Mrs. Russi was a member of Evangelical Covenant Church and enjoyed knitting, crocheting, fishing and being with her grandchildren. Her family said: "Her smile and sense of humor will be greatly missed." Mrs. Russi is survived by her daughter, Caroline Ivanoff of Anchorage; three sons, Glenn Ivanoff of Anchorage, and Gary and Melvin Ivanoff of Mekoryuk; mother, Susie Shavings of Mekoryuk; three sisters, Lillian Shavings of Mekoryuk, and Marian Shavings and Karen Shavings-Stein of Anchorage; two brothers, Samuel and Silas Shavings of Mekoryuk; eight grandchildren, Jackie, Jamie, Mitchum, and Sidney Ivanoff, and Ian Alexander, all of Anchorage, Jessica Paul of Napaskiak, and Jordan and Jasmine Fitka, of Marshall; and many other relatives. She was preceded in death by her father, Harry, and brothers, Jim and Richard. Arrangements were handled by Evergreen Memorial Chapel.



SAM

Bethel resident Frank Hilary William Allig Sam, 2, died March 10, 2000, at Providence Alaska Medical Center. Local visitation was Wednesday at Evergreen Memorial Chapels in Anchorage. Additional services and burial will be later this week in Bethel. Frank was born Dec. 6, 1997, in Bethel. His family said: "He was a happy child who made everyone he met happy. In his way, he was funny and cheerful; he made sure everyone had a little smile. He was a great son to his parents, great grandson to his grandparents, great nephew to his uncles and aunts and great cousin to his cousins. He is going to be greatly missed by everyone whose hearts he touched." Frank is survived by his parents, Martina and Bernard Sam of Bethel; sisters, Anna N. Andy of Newtok and Margaret M.N.A. Sam and Annie F.R.C. Sam of Bethel; grandparents, William and Norma Andy of Newtok and Hilary and Maria Kairaiuk of Chefnak; and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, grandpas and grandmas.



SAMPSON

PHILLIP SAMPSON Funeral services will be held in Kipnuk for Phillip Sampson, who died Feb. 27, 1986 at the hospital in Bethel. Mr. Sampson was born Sept. 16, 1937, in Kipnuk. He lived in Alaska his entire life and was 48 years old when he died. He is survived by three sisters, Mary Anaver of Kipnuk, Julia Nicori of Kwethluk, and Katie Mann of Kwigillingok. Local arrangements were by Witzleben Funeral Home and Crematory, Bragaw Chapel.



SAMSON

Eva Rose Ann Samson, 57, died Jan. 15, 2002, at the Alaska Native Medical Center in Anchorage, Alaska. Ms. Samson was born July 26, 1944, in Crooked Creek, Alaska. She is survived by her daughter, Rayna Neumiller-Carson; son, B. J. Neumiller; mother, Theresa Parent; sisters, Mary Seay, Lorrain John, and Evelyn Thomas; and brother, Tom Parent.



SHAVINGS

Harry Oomyun Shavings, 80, died July 1989, an Anchorage carver, Alaska Native Medical Center. A funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Evangelical Covenant Church with the Rev. Jerry Daniels officiating. A visitation will precede the service at 1. Mr. Shavings was born July 22, 1909, on Nunivak Island, where he lived until moving to Anchorage in 1975. He was a wood and ivory carver and had served in the Alaska Territorial Guard and the National Guard. He enjoyed hunting, fishing and

camping. He leaves his wife, Susie, of Anchorage; his daughters, Gertie Russi, Mary Shavings and Karen Harry, both of Anchorage, and Lillian Lindgren, of California; his sons, Silas Shavings, of Anchorage, and Samuel Shavings, of Mekoryuk; his brothers, Frank and Henry, both of Bethel, and Edward, of Mekoryuk; 11 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Burial will be in the Anchorage Memorial Park Cemetery following the service. Memorial contributions may be sent to the Alaska Heart Association, 2330 East 42nd Avenue, Anchorage 99508.



Lifelong Alaskan Josephine R. Shavings, 72, died Jan. 3, 2002, at Alaska Native Medical Center after an illness. Visitation will be at 11 a.m. today at Evergreen Memorial Chapel, Eighth Avenue and E Street. A funeral will follow at noon with the Rev. James Blackshear officiating. Burial will be later at Anchorage Memorial Park Cemetery. Ms. Shavings was born July 4, 1929, on Nunivak Island and later moved to Bethel and then to Anchorage in the 1960s. She completed her GED and later worked for the University of Alaska Anchorage in food service during the 1960s before her retirement. Ms. Shavings was a member the United Pentecostal Church. She was an artist and enjoyed beachcombing, harvesting beach grass and weaving the grass into baskets. She also enjoyed camping, fishing, picking greens and berries, sewing, knitting and music. She loved shopping. Her family said: "She was a hardworking woman to provide for her family. She had a great sense of humor. Her laughter will be missed and will be a precious memory in our hearts. She was loved by her family and friends. She was a firm believer in our Lord Jesus Christ and loved Christian movies and music." Ms. Shavings is survived by her brother, Alex Rogers of Anchorage; sisters, Mary Smith of Anchorage and Susie Williams of Mekoryuk; daughters, Laura Kolerok of Wasilla and Anna Shavings of Anchorage; sons, Dennis Shavings of Kodiak, and Martin Shavings, Luther Shavings and Jacob Shavings of Anchorage; grandchildren, Reginald and Brenda of Anchorage, and Dorothy of Wasilla; great-grandchildren, Jackie and Deandra of Wasilla and Chris of Anchorage; and many nieces, nephews, relatives and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents, three daughters, two sons, and two grandchildren.




Marvella Ann Shavings, 53, died peacefully Aug. 11, 2010, in Anchorage. A viewing will be held at 1 p.m. Friday at First Covenant Church, followed by a service and potluck. Pastor Bill Jones will officiate. Ms. Shavings was born Oct. 21, 1956, in Nash Harbor on Nunivak Island to parents Edward and Esther Shavings. She attended and graduated from Mekoryuk BIA School, Sheldon Jackson College and Career Academy. Ms. Shavings' career included years of working for her dad's business, Nunivak Island Guide Service, as a cook. She also was employed as a health aide and certified medical assistant. She had a great sense of humor, enjoyed reading books, knitting, bingo, singing gospel music and playing the keyboard, berry picking for her mother and clam digging. Her favorite expressions were "you turkey" and "cheese and crackers!" Marvella tremendously believed in and worshiped God, prayed for others and asked for prayers from others. She really enjoyed candy, especially Look! candy bars, peanut brittle, toffee and any frozen chocolate. Marvella was extremely generous to family and friends; she will be missed by all. Marvella is survived by her parents Ed and Esther Shavings; siblings, Jacob, Ed Jr. and wife Xenia, Lincoln Shavings and his wife of Mekoryuk, and Louise Shavings of Anchorage; her children, Gwendolyn Jones of Homer, Beatrice Orlun-Kiokun and Melanie Shavings of Mekoryuk, Chad Shavings of Anchorage and Michael Sorden of Alabama; grandsons, McKinley and Landon; uncles, Henry Shavings and Tom Amos; aunts, Marian Paulson and Verna Reynolds; nieces, Kendra, Charlee, Danielle, Molly, Sonni, Alma, Tabitha, Shanelle and Chenovia; great-niece, Ana; nephews, Brady, Isaiah, Carl, Nathaniel, T.J., Lewis and Aristotle; and numerous cousins. She was preceded in death by her maternal and paternal grandparents, sisters Alma Rose and Phyllis Ruth; and other family members, including Ed Jr. III. Pallbearers are Jacob Chuck, Ed Jr., Lincoln, Chad, Michael and Isaiah. Honorary pallbearers are dad Edward and Uncle Tom Amos.




SHAVINGS

Reuben Nick Shavings, 38, an Anchorage resident, died May 5, 1989 at Alaska Native Medical Center. A funeral will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday at Kehl's Forest Lawn Memorial Chapel. The Rev. J.R. Blackshear of United Pentecostal Church will officiate. Mr. Shavings was born June 6, 1950, in Mekoryuk. He had attended chef school in Oregon and worked as a cook in Kodiak, the Seward Skill Center, Church's Fried Chicken in Spenard and Big Boys in Anchorage. During the fishing season he worked in canneries. His hobbies included playing the guitar and singing. He enjoyed wood carving, making masks and gardening. He leaves his father, Frank, of Bethel; his mother, Josephine, of Anchorage; his brothers, Martin, Dennis and Jacob, all of Anchorage, and Luther, of Palmer; and his sisters, Anna and Sharon, both of Anchorage, and Laura Kolerok, of Wasilla. Burial will be in Anchorage Memorial Park.




Anchorage resident Sharon Shavings, 43, died Dec. 11, 2001, at her home. Visitation will be at 2 p.m. today at Evergreen Memorial Chapel, Eighth Avenue and E Street, with a service at 3 p.m. The Rev. Jesse Powell of Trinity Christian Reformed Church will officiate. Burial will be at Anchorage Memorial Park Cemetery. A gathering of friends will be held at a later date. Ms. Shavings was born June 1, 1958, in Bethel. She spent her childhood in Mekoryuk, Nunivak Island and Bethel before moving to Anchorage in the late 1960s. She had most recently been employed by at the 4th Avenue Theater in service preparation. Prior to this position she had been employed at Tudor Bingo. Her family wrote: "Sharon was an avid participant in Special Olympics and an excellent bowler. She was a member of the Trinity Christian Reformed Church. "Sharon was a gifted knitter and loved to knit scarves for her friends. She also could be seen riding her bike daily in the community. "Sharon was a joy to her family and friends. She was always telling jokes and making people laugh. She will be remembered for her sense of humor and her positive attitude." She is survived by her father, Frank Shavings of Bethel; mother, Josephine Shavings of Anchorage; sisters, Laura Kolerok of Wasilla and Anna Shavings of Anchorage; brothers, Martin Shavings, Luther Shavings and Jacob Shavings of Anchorage, and Dennis Shavings of Kodiak; and numerous nieces, nephews and friends. She was preceded in death by two sisters, two brothers and her grandparents.



SIMS

Martina Marie Sims, 45, died March 16, 2002, in Wasilla. A funeral Mass will be arranged in St. Peter the Fisherman Church in Toksook Bay. She will be laid to rest next to her family members as requested. Mrs. Sims was born Oct. 6, 1956, in Bethel to Simon and Jennie Sims. She lived in Wasilla with her longtime companion, Roy Buchanan. She enjoyed singing gospel music, making Native crafts, picking berries, crocheting, sewing, Eskimo dancing and visiting with family members and friends. Tina loved her family with all her heart. Her family wrote: "Martina will be remembered best by the gift of laughter she so willingly shared through her stories and her humor. She came to know many people from all walks of life, sharing her friendship this way." Mrs. Sims was preceded in death by her twin sister, Agnes; grandmother, Lucy McGee; sister, Theresa Ross; father, Simon Sims Sr.; brothers, Simon Jr., Noah and Joseph Sims; grandfather, Peter McGee; and baby brothers, Noah and Billy Sims. She is survived by her mother, Jennie Sims of Toksook Bay; daughter, Regina Bruno of Palmer; brothers, Billy Sims of Toksook Bay and John Sims of Seward; sister, Cecilia Frenzl and family of Delta Junction; uncle, George Paul of Toksook Bay; aunts, Mary Jumbo and family of Toksook Bay, Anna Agnus and family of Nightmute, Martina Oscar and family of Anchorage and Bethel, and Bessie Sims and family of Atmauthluak; nephews, Simon Sims of Toksook Bay and Noah Sims of Wasilla; and numerous other relatives throughout Alaska. Arrangements were by Evergreen Memorial Chapel.



Toksook Bay resident Agnes Sims, 34, a homemaker, died Dec. 2, 1990 at Alaska Native Medical Center. A funeral will be conducted at noon today at Witzleben Family Funeral Homes and Crematory, Bragaw Chapel, with the Rev. James Laudwein officiating. Mrs. Sims was born Oct. 6, 1956, in Bethel. She

enjoyed children. 16 She is survived by her mother, Jennie; her sons, Noah and Simon; and her brothers, John, Billy and Simon, all of Toksook Bay; her sisters, Cecilia Frenzl of Delta Junction, and her twin sister, Tina of Wasilla. Burial will be in the Toksook Bay Cemetery. Service arrangements were by Witzleben Family Funeral Homes and Crematory, Bragaw Chapel.



SINGH

Kipnuk resident Natalie Singh, 53, a cannery worker and homemaker, died April 14, 1992 at the Bethel Hospital. A service and burial was held April 17 in Kipnuk. Mrs. Singh was born Feb. 12, 1939, near Aleknagik. She is survived by her mother, Lucy Jenkins of Dillingham; her daughters and sons, Elena Brink of Bethel, and Clifford Paul and Joann Paul, both of Kipnuk; her brothers and sisters, Helen Jenkins of Anchorage, Ethel Jenkins of Hawaii, Robert Jenkins of Anchorage, Michael Jenkins of Santa Fe, N.M., Forrest Jenkins of Bethel, Christopher Jenkins of Fairbanks, and Mary Beth Rice of Fortuna, Calif.; 20 grandchildren; and many aunts, uncles and cousins.



SLATS

Lifelong Alaskan Frances Slats, 61, of Chevak, died Oct. 1, 1991 of cancer at Alaska Native Medical Center. A service will be held later this week in Chevak. She was born Sept. 14, 1930, in Kashunuk and moved shortly afterward to Chevak, where she spent the rest of her life. Mrs. Slats loved to work with arts and crafts. Her specialty was basketweaving. She also enjoyed wildlife and "cleaning fish on a warm summer day." She is survived by her husband, Jerome of Chevak; her daughters, Angelina Lunia of Fort Worth, Texas, Roseanna of Anchorage, Teresa of Tooksook Bay, and Cynthia and Marion, both of Chevak; her stepdaughter, Josephine John of Newtok; and her sons, John, Albert and Kevin, all of Chevak. Local arrangements were by Evergreen Memorial Chapel



SLWOOKO

Unalakleet minister Howard Iyangasuk Slwooko Sr., 77, died June 20, 1997, at Alaska Native Medical Center. A funeral will be held at 6 p.m. today at Evangelical Covenant Church, 1145 C St., with the Rev. Phillip Axelson officiating. Visitation will begin at 4 p.m. Pallbearers will include Walter Slwooko, Howard Slwooko Jr., David Slwooko, Merle Towarak, Melvin Towarak and George Sookiayak Jr. Honorary pallbearers will be Gene Amidon, Harold Ahmasuk Jr., Vernon Slwooko Sr., Tim Gologeran, Chip Swanson and David Hendrickson. Additional services will be held at Unalakleet Covenant Church. Burial will be in Nome at a later date. 43 The Rev. Slwooko was born Nov. 3, 1919, at Boxer Bay on St. Lawrence Island. His formal education ended with the third grade. He was a self-taught mechanic, carpenter, welder and heavy-equipment operator. He was also an ordained minister in the Evangelical Covenant Church. The Rev. Slwooko lived in Elim, Nunivak Island, Mekoryuk, Hooper Bay, Mountain Village, Shaktoolik and Unalakleet. He served in the U.S. Army and Alaska Territorial Guard. He received an honorable discharge from the National Guard in 1979. The Rev. Slwooko enjoyed subsistence hunting and gathering. He also enjoyed carving, and reading his Bible. His favorite verse was Psalm 16:8. Family members said: "Dad provided for his family all his life, both spiritual and subsistence. He loved his family, especially his grandchildren. He will be greatly missed by family and everyone he touched. Peace to his memory." Survivors include his wife, Ellen Slwooko, sons, Walter Slwooko and Howard Slwooko Jr., all of Unalakleet; daughters, Marlene Towarak of Unalakleet and Harriette Slwooko of Ketchikan; brother, Vernon Slwooko of Gambell; sisters, Sarah Palcino of Tacoma, Wash., Agnes Turner and Helen Carius of Anchorage and Mary Lane and Alayne Booshu of Gambell; grandchildren, Myra and David Slwooko, George Sookiayak Jr., Ethan Sheyan, and Meryl, Merle, Melvin, Marty and Matthew Towarak; and many other relatives and friends. Arrangements were by Evergreen Memorial Chapel.



SMALL

JAMES FRANK SMALL, died May 11, 1986 There will be a funeral later in Goodnews Bay for James Frank Small, who died May 11 at Alaska Native Medical Center. Mr. Small was born Jan. 1, 1904, in Kipnuk. A life-long Alaskan, he worked as a commercial fisherman. He is survived by his wife, Emma Small, of Goodnews Bay. Local arrangements were by Witzleben Funeral Homes and Crematory, Sixth Avenue Chapel.



SMITH

PETER L. SMITH JR., Services for Peter L. Smith Jr., a Mekoryuk artist, will be held in Mekoryuk later this week. Mr. Smith, 27, died March 18, 1987 at Alaska Native Medical Center. Born April 5, 1959, in Hooper Bay, he was self employed as a carver. He leaves his wife, Cindy, of Mekoryuk; his parents, Mary and Peter Sr., of Mekoryuk; and his brothers, Miller Weston, Samuel Smith, Dale Smith, Ishmael Smith, Johnny Smith and Davis Smith, all of Mekoryuk, and Jimmy Smith, Luke Smith, Showalter Smith and Joshua Mathlaw, all of Bethel; his sisters, Grace Harrod of Kodiak, and Margie David, Marion Scarzella and Lola Ferguson, all of Anchorage. Local arrangements by Evergreen Memorial Chapel. Burial will be in Mekoryuk.



Lifelong Alaskan Mary Pauline (Arnatqang) Smith, 79, died peacefully in her sleep Aug. 18, 2005, at home in Anchorage, with family members at her side. She had fought a long battle with Alzheimer's disease. A funeral will be Thursday at Mekoryuk Evangelical Covenant Church. Visitation will be from 1 to 3 p.m. Monday at Anchorage Funeral Home, 1800 Dare Ave. Born April 27, 1926, in Mekoryuk on Nunivak Island, she was married to Peter Smith Sr. of Nunivak Island for 53 years and proudly raised 16 children. They were missionaries from 1958 to 1964 for the Evangelical Covenant Church of Alaska, and served in Nome, Hooper Bay, Mekoryuk and Anchorage. She worked for the Bureau of Indian Affairs as a chef and enjoyed living a traditional subsistence lifestyle in Mekoryuk. Her family recalled that her favorite pastimes included creating beautiful Native crafts and quoting scripture from the Bible for her family members. Mary's favorite scriptures were John 14:1-2 and Psalms 23. She was preceded in death by her husband, Peter Smith Sr.; sons, Abraham and Peter Jr.; brothers, Jimmy, Martin and Ted; sister, Josephine Shavings; and uncle, Tom Dotomain. Mrs. Smith is survived by her aunt, Susie Shavings; niece, Edna Mathlaw; son, Richard Davis; brothers, Jesse Moses and Joseph Moses Sr.; sons and daughters-in-law, Samuel, Dale Sr. and Alice, Ishmael and Viva, and Davis, all of Mekoryuk, Showalter Sr. and Grace of Eagle River, Joshua and Alice Mathlaw, Luke and Mary, Miller and his companion Joyce Haynes, Jimmy and Chrystal, and Johnny; and daughters and sons-in-law, Margie and Joseph David, and Lola and Robert Ferguson, all of Anchorage, Grace and James Harrod of Kodiak, and Marion and Gene Scarzella of France. "Mary was also a proud grandmother of 42 grandchildren and greatgrandmother of 39 great-grandchildren," her family said. "Mary is survived by many relatives and it may be that not all have been mentioned, but she embraced every one of them. Mary touched many lives throughout Alaska and will fondly be remembered for her beautiful smile." In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made in memory of Mrs. Smith to Wells Fargo Bank of Anchorage or to the family through Anchorage Funeral Home.



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SUGAR

Andrew Sugar

February 11, 1934 - August 21, 1999

Emmonak, Alaska



Emily Sugar

August 13, 1932 - June 4, 2001

Emmonak, Alaska



SUNNYBOY

James John Sunnyboy, 44, of Tucson, Ariz. died Nov. 24, 1998. Mr. Sunnyboy was born on Jan. 12, 1954 in St. Mary's, Alaska. He is survived by his sister Elizabeth Sunnyboy and brother Steven Sunnyboy.



TEELUK

Donald Teeluk

November 6, 1918 - November 20, 1995

Emmonak, Alaska



THIELE

Otto Thiele, Sr., 81, died March 14, 2003 at the Alaska Native Medical Center in Anchorage, Alaska. Mr. Thiele was born September 8, 1921 in Bethel, Alaska and grew up in Alexander Creek. He is survived by his daughter, Teresa S. Thiele; and sons, Otto Thiele, Jr. and Karl V. Thiele.



TOM

ERIC EDMOND TOM, infant son of Jack and Helen Tom, of Scammon Bay, died Dec. 14, 1988 at the Alaska Native Medical Center. A funeral service will be held later this week. He was born Nov. 19 in Bethel. In addition to his parents, he leaves his paternal grandparents, Mark and Lucy Tom, of Newtok; and his maternal grandmother, Theresa Hunter, of Scammon Bay. Burial will be in the Scammon Bay Cemetery. Local arrangements were by Witzleben Family Funeral Homes and Crematory, Sixth Avenue Chapel.



TOMMY

Keith Tommy, the infant son of Ignatius and Natalie Tommy, died May 6, 1991 in Newtok. Arrangements are pending at Witzleben Family Funeral Homes and Crematory, Bragaw Chapel.



TONY

Robert Henry Tony, infant son of Joseph and Mary Tony, was born Aug. 3 and died Aug. 4, 1992 at Providence Hospital. A funeral will be held this week in Nightmute at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church. Burial will be in Nightmute. Besides his parents, Robert is survived by his sister, Rea, his paternal grandparents, Henry and Theresa, all of Nightmute; and his maternal grandmother, Rena Swezey of San Marcos, Calif. Arrangements were by Witzleben Family Funeral Homes and Crematory, Bragaw Chapel



TRADER

Mary M. Trader

April 15, 1925 - November 15, 2005

Emmonak, Alaska



William Trader

February 1, 1923 - May 15, 2007

Emmonak, Alaska



TUCKER

Mary Tucker

December 9, 1920 - May 26, 2002

Emmonak, Alaska



TULIK

Melanie Tulik, infant daughter of Charlie Lincoln and Mary Tulik, died Jan. 6, 1992 at her Toksook Bay home. A funeral will be held today in Toksook Bay. Burial will also be in Toksook Bay. Melanie was born Oct. 12 in Bethel. Arrangements were by Witzleben Family Funeral Homes and Crematory, Bragaw Chapel.



USUGAN

Tununak resident Oscar Usugan, 79, a subsistence hunter, died Oct. 7, 1990 at Humana Hospital-Alaska. A funeral will be conducted Thursday at Tununak Catholic Church. Mr. Usugan was born Aug. 11, 1911, in Tununak. He is survived by his wife, Nancy, his son, George, his daughter, Theresa Kanrilak, all of Tununak; his brothers, Joseph Oscar of Tununak, and Jimmie Oscar Jr. of Bethel; 15 grandchildren; and 10 great grandchildren. Arrangements were by Witzleben Family Funeral Homes and Crematory, Bragaw Chapel.



WASKA

Anna E. Waska

May 17, 1932 - October 14, 2008

Emmonak, Alaska



Evan B. Waska

March 10, 1967 - August 5, 2005

Emmonak, Alaska

WASKA

Willie Waska

March 19, 1935 - September 10, 1993

Emmonak, Alaska



WASULI

Boni Wasuli

May 16, 1912 - April 22, 2000

Emmonak, Alaska



WATSON

Wasilla resident and homemaker Theresa C. Watson, 50, died Oct. 31, 1994 at Alaska Native Medical Center in Anchorage. 30 Visitation will be from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Friday at Kehl's Palmer Mortuary with a funeral following. Burial will be held at Palmer Pioneer Cemetery. Mrs. Watson was born May 13, 1944, in Nightmute. Her family said: "She will always be remembered with her smile, love, kindness and care for everyone that she knew. Her grandchildren were the light of her life and she will be missed by all that knew her and will always be in our hearts." Mrs. Watson is survived by her husband, Francis Barry of Wasilla; daughters, Gail Watson-Joe of St. Marys, Daisy Hansen and Teresa Watson of Wasilla; sons, David, Archie and Charles, all of Wasilla; grandchildren, Michelle, Kimberly, Bryan, Tracey, Brianna and Jennifer, of St. Marys, Brett, Micheal, Justin, Christopher, Christina and Valarie, of Wasilla.



WESLEY

Mekoryuk resident Harry Wesley, 87, died Sept. 21, 2005, at Alaska Native Medical Center of natural causes. A service in Anchorage was Friday. A second service and burial will be Monday in Mekoryuk. Mr. Wesley was born March 28, 1918, in Mekoryuk to Wesley and Martha Sam. He served as an enlisted member of the Alaska Territorial Guard and the Alaska National Guard. He also worked for the Bering Sea Reindeer Project and for the State of Alaska as a village public safety officer, and he was an Alaskan Silver Hand artist known for his ivory carvings and Native spirit masks. His family wrote: "To all who knew him, Harry was an inspiration and touched many lives with his kindness and love for Christ. He will be missed, but he continues to live on in our hearts and he has left us with great memories of good times and fellowship. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather and friend." He is survived by his wife, Ida Wesley; children, Jennie and August Mendez, Amy and Stanley Kanrilak, Viva and Ishmel Smith, Clara and Gary Ivanoff, Chester Wesley, Monica Wesley and LeeAnn Charlie; sister and brother-in-law, Carrie and Sam Herman; grandchildren, Delores and John Webster, Miguel and Amberly Mendez, Eliza Wesley, Naomi and Juanita Smith, and Nina, Charlotte and Ben Kanrilak; and great-grandchildren, Tianalyn and John Webster, Christina and Augustine Mendez, and Butler Wesley. Arrangements are with Evergreen Memorial Chapel.



WILLIAMS

Alexie N. Williams, of Lower Kalskag, bn 28 Oct 1939, d 5 Mar 2011, Source: The Kuskokwim Drift, newsletter of the Kuskokwim Corporation, Summer 2011



WISEMAN

KEVIN WISEMAN, died July 9, 1988 , Kevin Michael Donahue Wiseman, 4 year old son of Jane Wiseman of Chefnak, died Saturday, July 9, at Providence Hospital. A funeral service will be held later this week at St. Catherine's Catholic Church in Chefnak. Kevin was born Nov. 4, 1983, in Anchorage. He is also survived by his brothers, Evan and Sam, and his sisters, Evelyn and Monica, all of Chefnak; his maternal grandmother, Josephine, of Chefnak; and his paternal grandfather, John Pasko, of Bethel. He was preceded in death by his father, Evan Sr., in 1986. Burial will be in the Chefnak Village

Cemetery. Local service arrangements were by Spenard Heights Memorial Chapel.



WISEMAN

Chefornak student Walter Charlie Wiseman, 12, died July 2, 1992 at the Yukon Kuskokwim Health Corp. in Bethel. A Mass of Christian Burial was held Tuesday at St. Catherine Catholic Church in Chefornak, and burial took place in the Chefornak Cemetery. Born Nov. 1, 1979, in Bethel, he had been a lifelong Alaska resident. Walter is survived by his adopted parents, Jack and Martina; his brothers, Nathan and Jack; and his sister, Sophie, all of Chefornak; his natural father and mother, Alexie and Maggie Flynn of Chefornak; his paternal grandfather, Charlie Wiseman of Anchorage; his paternal grandmother, Josephine Wiseman of Chefornak; and his maternal grandmother, Eliza Fairbanks of Chefornak.



YUPANIK

Jennie H. Yupanik
August 7, 1915 - July 10, 2006
Emmonak, Alaska



Jimmy Yupanik
March 26, 1906 - April 4, 1992
Emmonak, Alaska



Bethel & Kusilvak Census Areas

Note: Some of the above obits have a source.

But for the rest I can find nothing in the old B-K files that identifies the newspaper[s] that were used for the Obituaries and Death Notices.

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