

# *DiAnn Blessé*

*February 23, 1950 - August 19, 2015*

It is with heavy hearts we announce the passing of our mother, grandmother, sister, friend, confidante, teacher and mentor, DiAnn Blesse

DiAnn devoted her life to her passion for teaching. She was a role model and inspiration for so many.

She worked endlessly for a better understanding and respect for Aboriginal culture in our education system. In 2011, the Canadian Teachers' Federation honoured her with the "Outstanding Aboriginal Educator Award"

DiAnn is survived by her sons Nathan and Josh Watson, daughter-in-law Anthia Watson, as well as her grandchildren Sara Duban, Aidan, Meadow, and Josh Jr Watson. Her grandchildren were her pride and joy. As well as brothers and sisters Donald and Adella Hammerstrom, Don and Carol Oberquell, Gary and Joan Anderson, Val and Sonya Lundin, and many nieces and nephews.

She also leaves behind many friends, colleagues, and students who's lives she touched in countless ways over the years.

Her kindness, wisdom and strength will live on in all those whose lives she has touched. She will be deeply missed.

**Please join us in a memorial service to celebrate her life on September 26th, 2015 at Sir John Franklin High School Foyer at 2:00 pm.**

