

# Adeline Crapeau Mackenzie

September 20, 1960 – November 20, 2013

"My mother once told me, you have to be there whenever a CRAPEAU does something." This woman was a daughter of Adelia Lafferty of Behchok̄ and she was bringing a wedding gift to Adeline Mackenzie's wedding shower. Adeline said, "She's right."

Many years ago Philip and Marie Rose Crapeau used to visit Behchok̄ during Treaty Days, and they played with Philip's cousins Adeline Lafferty and Celine Tsetta.

On September 20, 1960, twins were born in Tadeh Cho to Philip and Marie Rose Crapeau in their Wool Bay log home. Philip wanted to name the twins after his favourite cousins from Behchok̄ and therefore Adeline Crapeau became Adeline Mackenzie when she married Paul Mackenzie on June 3, 2000.

Adeline went to school in Fort Smith, Chief Jimmy Bruneau School in Edzo and Arctic College. She also took a cooking training course at Bouwa Whee in Ndilo Smokehouse Cafe. This led Adeline to work with her husband Paul at Yellowknife River, Dettah and Cultural camps with students from Yellowknife elementary, high school and Aurora College. Adeline learned how to prepare fish, meat and ducks for the traditional diet of her parents, uncles, aunts and elder sister and her home. This knowledge enabled her to cook for elders, young people and anyone who was hungry at meetings. She really loved the students and enjoyed their company. Adeline last worked at B-Dene camp the last week of September 2013. She later went to Edmonton to seek treatment for the cancer that took her life.

Adeline is survived by her husband Paul Mackenzie, her much loved sons Mark and Jonathan Mackenzie, and grandchildren Matthew and Mika. Adeline also leaves behind five sisters and one brother.



*The Crapeau, Drybone, Charlo, Betsina, Lynn and Mackenzie families say Thank You and Masi Cho to:*

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- Shirley and Gina Tsetta for coffee and food for visitors at Stanton Territorial Hospital
- Joanne Tsetta for providing accommodations for Adeline's sisters and family from Behchoko and Whati
- Frank Marlowe for his whitefish chowder and Cecilia Beaulieu and the many people who provided bannock, meat and fruit for many to eat
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- Fred Tsetta for contributing his driving time for Victor Crapeau's Akaitcho Bay Trucking on Saturday
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- Adeline's message for the many nieces and nephews and most of her students that she taught was, "Continue with your schooling, even as an adult. Do the best you can. Don't worry about what gets in your way, and keep a strong mind for your future."