

Marie Adele (Maadè) Bishop (1945 - 1998)

Marie Adele (Maadè) Bishop, Whatì wegòhì jìlè, Sadatfo Zaà 10 dzeè, 1945 ekò, eyits'q Jdàakò enjht'èkò aet'jì. Hoònq daats'q ek'èdì wegghò ajà ekò wemq ełajwo, eyits'q Maadè wets'qhoèhì ajà t'à, dechia eyits'q dedèa goèhsq. 1966 ekò, Charlie Bishop xè xonjda, Behchokò - St. Michael yahtikò goyì. Ełexè chekoa ek'ètai geèhsq jìlè.

1970 we xèhojwo ekò, Maadè sù, Nàèdik'èèzq ts'qòhk'e etahtì elj t'à eghàlaeda jìlè. Eyits'q 1978 ekò, kòta nàèdik'èèzq ts'adì gha Behchokò/Edzo Dq K'àhoetaa Kò la k'e nìjtfa. Eyits'q yjdaà naènq xoo gots'q Behchokò/Edzo dñe hotie geedà-ha, nezj geedà-ha gogha gode jìlè, eyits'q kòta dq nàdeè, dq k'àhoèhtaa kò do eghàlaedèe goxè eghàlajda jìlè. 1995 ekò t'à, Nàèdik'èèzq eyits'q Dq gha Njht'è Hohè nàowoo ts'qòhk'è gode-ha gùjhchì, dñe ełexè eghàlagidèe t'à Tjchq N'èk'e Ełets'ats'edì gha K'òdeè wegghq dñe xè gogeadò jìlè.

Dq K'àhoèhtaa Ko dq eghàlaedè sù, gít'ahojhwhì, qhdaà ne t'à. Wegghq sìigoèt'j, dñe ts'q hotie nìwq, eyits'q deyatì, denàowoo k'èèzq t'à dñe net'q k'aèt'ì ade-ha nezì dq ts' ajdì hot'è. Maadè' dñe et'eèh'j eyits'q dq ghonjètq jìlè, amèè nezj dexèedì-ha njwq eyits'q amèè dq sets'q gode-ha nìwq gha gomq laani jìlè. Dq sets'awedì gùwq njdè, ekìats'qò eyì wheda laani jìlè. Nezì dq ełexè eghàlaede-ha gots'adì, ełeghq nahogele-ha nìwq eyits'q ełeghq goadè-le godì jìlè.

Tqts'ì Zaà k'e 12 dzeè, 1998 ekò, Marie Adele (Maadè) ełajwo, Sqòmbak'e Stanton Nàèdik'èèzq kò goyì. Eyì xoo k'e, dñe hotie geedà-ha eyits'q kòta hazqò nezì gots'ajdì wek'èxà, Tjchq Nèk'e Ełets'ats'edì gha k'òdeè/Edzo sù, dzq Behchokò/Edzo Dq K'àhoèhta Kò sù, Marie Adele (Maadè) Bishop Dq K'àhoeta Kò wjzì elj agjìlà.



Marie Adele Bishop was born in Wha Ti on April 10, 1945 and attended residential school in Fort Resolution. At the age of 18, her mother passed away and Marie Adele took responsibility for raising her brothers and sisters. In 1966, she married Charlie Bishop in St. Michael's Church in Rae-Edzo. Together they raised six children.

In the early 1970s, Marie Adele began work as a translator for the Medical Services Branch of Health Canada. Then in 1978, she began her work for the Rae-Edzo Health Centre as a Community Health Representative. Over the next 20 years, she became an advocate for the health and wellness of the people in Rae-Edzo and a bridge between the community and the health care staff. In 1995, she was chosen as the representative of Health and Social Services to travel with a committee of respected people to the Dogrib communities to discuss the establishment of the Dogrib Community Services Board.

The health centre staff depended on her as an elder. Her humour, sensitivity towards people and her language and cultural skills helped ease the pain of many people. Marie Adele was a kind and loving woman who was like a mother to those who needed comfort and advice. She was always there when they needed help. She encouraged people to work well together, forgive each other and not to gossip about each other.

On May 12, 1998, Marie Adele died in Stanton Hospital in Yellowknife. Later that year, in honour of her contribution to health care and the community, the Rae-Edzo Community Services Authority passed a motion to name the Rae-Edzo Health Centre in her honour as the Marie Adele Bishop Health Centre.

