

Roy S. Ewan

February 25, 1935-February 20, 2018



Respected leader and beloved Ahtna Elder Roy S. Ewan went home to be with the Lord on February 20, 2018 holding the hand of the love of his life and wife of 60 years, G. Glenda Ewan. He was surrounded by family and friends.

Roy was born on February 25, 1935 in Kluti-Kaah, Alaska. His father was the late Estaco Ewan of the Taltsiine clan and his mother the late Jessie Charley of the Udzisyu clan. After high school, Roy served in the US Army. When he returned home, Roy was selected for leadership by his elders. He was the Alaska Native Brotherhood (ANB) Camp 31 President. He represented the Ahtna people in negotiations of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act. As Ahtna President and CEO, Roy was a strong and successful business leader. Roy spent the latter part of his life advocating fiercely for Ahtna hunting and fishing rights.

Roy was a Co-chair of the Alaska Federation of Natives (AFN) and went on to receive the prestigious AFN Citizen of the Year award. He was also a recipient of the First Alaskans Institute's Howard Rock award for his quiet and humble leadership.

Roy was an avid reader; he liked business books, autobiographies and was always current on local, statewide, and national politics. He enjoyed baseball, basketball, boxing, trapping, hunting, working on the fishwheel and working on fish. His freezers were always filled with traditional foods he gathered during hunting and fishing seasons. In his younger years, he was a dog musher. Roy loved to be in the outdoors and on the land. Roy loved the Ahtna people! He wanted to see younger Ahtna men and women becoming familiar with the land and learning to appreciate being in the outdoors like he did.

Nick Jackson, Chairman of the Ahtna, Inc. Board of Directors shared that, "Roy's heart was always for the people. Roy was orphaned at a young age and sent away but he later returned to become a respected and beloved leader of the Ahtna people."

Roy is survived by his wife G. Glenda, their daughter Jacqueline and son-in-law Patrick Johnny, grandchildren Roy Shane and Adrian Ewan and Ryan and Jolenda Johnny and great-granddaughter Tre'ann Ewan, brother Wilbur Joe and wife Marilyn, first cousin Robert Marshall and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

His final message was to love one another, work together and always take care of each other.

Services for Roy S. Ewan are as follows:

Anchorage Visitation

Thursday, February 22, 2018 – Viewing 5:00-7:00 p.m. Service starts at 7:00 p.m.

Anchorage Baptist Temple

6401 E Northern Lights Blvd, Anchorage, AK

Gulkana Gathering

Friday, February 23, 2018 – Dinner

Gulkana Community Hall

Mile 127 Richardson Hwy, Gulkana, AK

Kluti-Kaah Visitation

Saturday, February 24, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

Kluti-Kaah Hall

Mile 104 Old Richardson Hwy, Copper Center, AK

Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner at Kluti-Kaah Hall

Glennallen Funeral Service

Sunday, February 25, 2018 at 11:00 a.m.

Glennallen High School Gymnasium

1976 Aurora Dr., Glennallen, AK

Burial

Sunday, February 25, 2018, after the funeral service

Gulkana Village Cemetery

Mile 127 Richardson Hwy, Gulkana, AK

Dinner/Potlatch following burial at Kluti-Kaah Hall