



LARRY GOLDADE – SEPTEMBER 24, 1948 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2020

Larry received his B.Ed. in October of 1973 at the University of Calgary. From 1973 to 1976 he taught in Fox Valley School and various Saskatoon schools. In May of 1977 he completed his M.Ed. through the University of Saskatchewan. In June of 1977, he was contracted in various positions at the Prince Albert Indian Student Education Centre (PAISEC); first as an Education Planner then as Superintendent. In August of 1989 he was hired as the Director of Education for the Prince Albert District Chiefs, now known as Prince Albert Grand Council.

When Larry started working for the Prince Albert District Chiefs, he had very little knowledge of First Nations people, their culture, their language, their traditions and beliefs. During his tenure with what is now known as the Prince Albert Grand Council, Larry delved into learning the ways of First Nations people so that he could better represent them at the tables he was responsible for both regionally and nationally. He and his wife, Jane brought up their children with an understanding, knowledge and respect of First Nations people. This made him, his wife and children better having the knowledge and respect of the people he served.

Larry loved his job and the friendships created through his work with his staff, the staff of PAGC as well as the Chiefs and Councils of the member First Nations. Larry was often teased and was nicknamed the Chief maker, as a number of people whom he worked directly with in the office, or people who sat at the Directors table, went on to become chiefs. He was well respected and often called upon for advice in the communities when it came to dealing with programs and budgets from Chiefs as well as Directors of Education. Larry retired as the PAGC Director of Education on August 31, 2007 after which he and his wife did a lot of travelling abroad during the winter months.

Larry was not only the “boss”, he was a friend and confidante to many of his staff. You could often hear him giving advice or having a few chuckles over a funny story that was just told. It wasn’t very often that you would see Larry lose his temper; he would always say “there are worse things that could happen”, or “you have to pick your battles”. He had respectfully earned the title of “okemau”.

Larry’s final resting place is on his family farm in Prelate, SK atop a hill where First Nations people once hunted and where artifacts from that time have been found. He asked his wife to spread his ashes in the teepee circle that long ago was setup there.

His work for First Nations with PAGC is appreciated and respected. On behalf of PAGC, our sympathies to his family; he will be missed.

From your staff; you have left a mark on our lives therefore, there is a place for you in our hearts, always.

