

John B. Boucher, CM, Senator of MNS. (1938-2010)

John was a highly respected Elder and a Senator of the Metis Nation-Saskatchewan. He was active in the St. Louis Metis Local and for over 40 years has worked as an advocate for Metis rights, self-governance and the fair negotiation of land claims. He worked on behalf of the Metis National Council and sat on the Aboriginal Advisory Board for the RCMP. On May 1, 2002 he was appointed as a member of the Order of Canada.



Senator Boucher presents a Sash to Nelson Mandela
September 24, 1998

John Boucher



Born In: Canada

Born On: 27/06/1938

Passed Away In: Saskatchewan, Canada

In Loving Memory

Metis Senator John B. Boucher C.M.

June 27, 1938 - February 3, 2010

Left to cherish his memory is his common-law wife Joyce Sorenson; his three daughters, Cheryl (Jamie) Simpson and their children Christine (Emrei) and Justin (Marya); Dori (Bruce) Halcro and their children Brent, Curtis, Keith and Lindsay; Jody (Brent) Zbaraschuk and their children Lexi and Sophia; his sister Marlene Boucher and his nephews Eugene Boucher and Jim Senior. He was predeceased by his wife Donna (Deitz-Tovell); his sister Louise and his parents Jean Berchmans (Berch) and Clara (Delainey). Dad farmed all his life and in his later years took care of his cattle in the summer. Dad enjoyed curling, hunting, fishing, working on his fences, and trapping moles. He believed in the Metis cause and dedicated his life to it. He was a past President and Vice-President of St. Louis Metis Local #28. He then became an Elder of the Metis Nation of Saskatchewan. He worked towards the recognition of the Metis rights, land claims and self-governance. His contribution towards the goal of self-government was recognized with a special achievement award from the Metis National Council. He was awarded with a national medal, from the Federal Government of Canada, for his support of the Meech Lake and Charlottetown Accords. In 1991, he became a member of the Senate of the Metis Nation of Saskatchewan as well as a member of the Senate of the Metis National Council. He also served on the RCMP's Commanding Officers' Advisory Committee. He provided information and Metis aural history at cultural events, venues and functions whether they were local, regional or national. He was a consultant and actor in some of Bob Rock Productions. He is also quoted in many of the Metis history books. He was extremely honored when he received the Order of Canada and the Saskatchewan Order of Merit. He was also extremely honored to be chosen to meet one of his heroes, Nelson Mandela, in 1998. He presented Mr. Mandela with a sash on behalf of all the Metis people of Canada. He really enjoyed meeting and helping people understand their Metis history. Dad epitomized what a father could be and he was always there for us dispensing his wise counsel. We will always miss him and feel truly blessed for having him as our father.



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