

## **Tommy Knott.** (b. 1927)

Born in Grand Marais, Manitoba, the son of Wilfred and Christine Knott (nee Sinclair), Tommy Knott has been involved in fiddling competitions around Manitoba and Saskatchewan since 1945 and holds numerous trophies from these events. His grandfather was a well-known fiddler. Tommy started playing when he was seven years old. The family had their own little orchestra and would play from Warren's Landing in the north to Selkirk, Manitoba in the south. Tommy even played at Expo 86 in Vancouver, British Columbia. He has played professionally throughout Canada and the United States. He has taught many young people through fiddling courses conducted at the Métis Resource Centre in Winnipeg.

His sister is Beryl Knott Bouvette, widow of the well-known Métis fiddler Reg Bouvette. The children of Wilfred and Christine Knott were all musical and several members of the family, including Beryl, are recognized as prominent figures within Métis musical and cultural community today. Beryl remembers her father as a very industrious man, worked as a commercial fisherman on Lake Winnipeg for 65 years. Tommy and Beryl play together in the Y-Knott Band.



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