

SENATOR JOHN BOUCHER

Senator John Boucher was born in Prince Albert June 27, 1938. His parents, John Berchmans Boucher , a farmer from St. Louis, and Clare Delamie from Jack Fish Lake, raised him and his two sisters in St. Louis, Saskatchewan.

Senator Boucher married Donna Deitz of Edmonton, Alberta in 1959. He continues to farm in St. Louis where they raised their three daughters who gave them six grandchildren.

The Metis Nation of Saskatchewan appointed Senator Boucher to the Senate in 1991. He was involved in Metis organizations and became the President of St. Louis Local 28 in 1960, and the vice-president of Local 28 in 1961. He currently sits on the Aboriginal Advisory R.C.M.P. Board.

Senator Boucher was awarded a medal for his support of the Meech Lake Accord, and the Metis National Council presented Senator Boucher with an award for his contribution to self-government.

As an Elder, he has carried on the tradition of telling Metis history and culture. In 1985, he gave information on the Metis to the writers of the book, 'Free People'. He played the small role of 'Meichan Dumasi' in the film 'Road Allowance People'. Senator Boucher also gave the narrated introduction of the film 'The Bell of Batoche'.

Senator Boucher continues to reside in St. Louis and remains active, as an Elder, with Metis history and culture in his community. He gives lectures at local schools on Metis history and travels whenever asked to participate in functions.