

Kivalina matriarch passes on

Edith Puktaun Kennedy lived five generations at the time of her death, writes her daughter Mildred Sage of Kivalina. Sage, at 76, says she is comforted that her mother died at home and not in Anchorage.

Edith Kennedy was born at Sisaulik July 15, 1893 and died late in the evening Nov. 17 at the age of 99. She was married twice and had five children.

She leaves behind Mildred Sage and her son-in-law Lawrence Sage; her sons Clarence and Gilbert Kennedy and daughter-in-law Charlotte Kennedy. She had 9 grandchildren, 31 great-grandchildren and 37 great-great grandchildren.

Mildred writes as an example of the generations: Edith Kennedy 99 years, Mildred Sage 76 years, Gladys Adams 57 years, Millie Hawley 30 years, and Josie Adams 13 years.

Though frail, especially the last two years of her life, Mildred says Edith had a clear mind, would tell what she wanted and when she was happy — she clapped. She was a loving mother, grandmother and friend her daughter adds.

Edith's verse was Phillipians 4:19 and Timothy 4:7 and 8. Her favorite song was "I'm On The Rock At Last." Roland Booth, Friends Church pastor officiated at her funeral service.