

For Gerald Gregory—

Memorial Services

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A memorial service was held on April 26, 1975 in the Angoon Community Hall for Gerald Gregory, age 25 who was fatally injured in an auto accident April 24th Anchorage, Alaska.

Mayor Cyril George and Matt Fred coordinated the United Memorial Service with the Alaska Native Brotherhood and Alaska Native Sisterhood at 7 p.m. Gregory was an ANB member.

Speakers were The Rev. Mr. Gordon Olson, pastor, Assembly of God Church, Mayor Cyril George, Albert Kookesh, and Roger Lang, president, Alaska Federation of Natives.

Twenty youth and adults united with the ANB and ANS followed the memorial service.

On Sunday, April 27th the funeral service was held at the Community Hall at 2 p.m. Special music was provided by the Community Choir with Matt Fred directing and Arthur Demmert, pianist.

Vocal solos were rendered by Cyril George and Jack Lokke. Prayer and Scripture reading by Captain Herbert Miller of the Salvation Army. Dr. Walter A. Soboleff spoke upon the theme: "God Must Be the Center of Life," and the Bible text from John 15:16 "Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you."

Gerald Gregory, fondly called "Pooch" was born on July 24, 1949 in Juneau, Alaska. He is survived by his wife Martha Johnson Gregory and son Sherman Lee, and sisters Janice and Peggy. Brothers, Sheridan Leroy, Melvin, Albert, James and Henry. Uncles, James Sharp, Ralph Scott and George Nelson, Jr., and Mrs. Elizabeth John, aunt. Grandfather, George Nelson, Sr. and Grand-uncle, William Nelson.

Gregory was a member of the Tlingit Eagle Tribe and Brown Bear Clan. Assisting in their ceremonies were Eddie Jack, Patrick J. Paul, clan members and the Raven Tribe.

Gregory graduated from Alaska Methodist University in 1973 with a B.A. degree. He served with the Tlingit and Haida Central Council as assistant education project director and recently moved to Anchorage for a position with the Alaska Federation of Natives as field coordinator of Talent Scouts.

He was a dedicated student in the field of education for Alaskans, and was among the present six college and university graduates who come from Angoon.

Out-of-town attendants include John Reymer, Roger Lang, Addie

Hermann, Joe Thompson, Maxine Fred, Carlos Lertora, Janice Gregor, Ivan Gamble, Frank Jack, Jr., and Jeff George from Anchorage. Mr. and Mrs. Alex Johnson, Sandra Williams, Lowell Peterson, Yakutat. Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Richert, Juneau. Patrick J. Paul, Naomi Kanosh, Martha Ann Kookesh, Gloria Southerland, Mr. and Mrs. N. Katchutin, Mr. and Mrs. Sheridan Leroy Gregory and daughter, June, from Sitka. Albert M. Kookesh, Seattle.

Gregory was lovingly laid to eternal rest in the beauty and quiet of his ancestral homeland.