

Sitka's Florence "Flossie" Eddy passes

Memorial and funeral services were recently held for Florence Mary Eddy of Sitka. Her final resting place will be at the Sitka National Cemetery.

Eddy died in June at Mount Edgecumbe Hospital at the age of 67. She was born on February 4, 1928 in Juneau to Mary Young Sutton, Tlingit, and William Sutton, Nishga Tsimshian. Florence was of the Eagle/Wolf Moiety, Yanyeidee Clan, of the Taku Tribe. Her Tlingit name is Koowas woowku. Florence and Francis Eddy were married on

May 20, 1953 and made their home in Sitka where they raised seven children.

Among Florence's many achievements during her life were participating in many Native and community service groups in Sitka, dating from the time Florence joined the Sitka Alaska Native Sisterhood, 28 years ago. She served as the ANS #4 president numerous times, and held other offices.

Some of her other community service included serving as a Sitka Tlingit and Haida Central Council, as T&H Enrollment Committee member for many years, and as a member of the Kettleson Library Board, the Southeast Alaska Regional Health Corporation board, the Sitka Native Education Program board, and City Election board. Florence was honored three

years ago by the local Native Community and Tlingit and Haida Central Council for her years of dedicated service. She was a member of Shee Atika, Incorporated and Sealaska Corporation.

Florence loved Alaska Native foods as well as harvesting and preparation – dried, smoked and boiled salmon, seaweed, halibut, and herring eggs. Berry picking season will always be a special reminder of Florence since she especially loved picking berries with her family and making jams and jellies. She was very proud that all of her children graduated from Sitka High School, attended college and pursued professional careers.

Florence leaves her husband, Frances Eddy, their seven children and many other beloved family members.