

# Services held in Juneau for Elsie Sargent

ANB/ANS Grand Camp Memorial Services for Alaska Native Sisterhood Grand President Elsie "Sue" Sargent were to be held Saturday at the Juneau ANB Hall.

Mrs. Sargent was born on Aug. 23, 1946, in Kake. Her parents, Louise and Benson Kadake preceded her death. She was raised in Kake and was a member of the Wooshkeetaan Clan (Shark) of the Eagle Tribe of the Tlingit Nation. Her Tlingit name was Yaakw Tlaa.

Mrs. Sargent married Jerry Sargent on Aug. 27, 1990, after a brief illness. She was serving her second term as the grand president of the Alaska Native Sisterhood. She was also a past president of the ANS Camp 70 and served on the ANS Grand Camp Scholarship Committee.

Mrs. Sargent was a strong supporter of fund raising for the scholarship program and was one of the people who began the annual ANB Grand Camp

Scholarship program fund-raising carnival.

As one of the founding members of the Southeast Native Subsistence Commission, she had the opportunity to express her strong feelings about subsistence.

"During my growing up years, I learned many lessons — the most important of which was a great respect for the land and those things which we used from the land. They now call that 'subsistence.'

"It doesn't describe how important those things were to my family, my community, my Native people. They were, and they continue to be, necessary to our physical, mental, emotional and spiritual well-being," she said to the participants at the Southeast Subsistence Summit Conference Nov. 2, 1989. That conference was the beginning of the Southeast Native Subsistence Commission.

She was very active in the area of

equal employment opportunity and had many meetings with the Office of the Governor seeking greater opportunity for Alaska Natives and women.

She also provided leadership for the Alaska Native Women's Conference. Her other community activities included service on the Huna Totem Heritage Foundation, the JOM Parent Advisory Committee and the Southeast Alaska Native Subsistence Commission.

She was a shareholder of Sealaska Corp., Kake Tribal Corp. and Huna Totem Corp., and was an enrolled member of the Central Council of the Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of

Alaska.

She is survived by her husband Jerry Sargent; children Christopher and Jennifer; brother Henrich Kadake of Kake; sisters Jeanette Casmer of Bellingham, Wash., Alberta Shaquanie, Diane Wilson, Joanne Perrin, Debbie Thomas, Juanita James, all of Kake, and Christine Martin of Bellingham, Wash.; uncles James Thomas, Delbert Kadake, Marvin Kadake, Evans Kadake, Morris Grant, Sr. and Herbert Grant, all of Kake; aunts Inez Friday, Loretta Kadake and Adeline Jackson, all of Kake.

Burial was to be in Kake following memorial services.