

Wonhola raised 11 children in Koliganek, New Stuyahok

Barbara (Walla Walla Panjack) Wonhola, who is now 67, was born in a mud house on July 4, 1923, in the village of Old Queen.

Old Queen is located below Nushagak and above Clark's Point on the Nushagak River.

She grew up in Angel Bay with her three sisters and two brothers. Her parents died when she was very small.

When her parents died she moved to the orphanage, which was once located in Dillingham. While at the orphanage she went to school for a couple of years.

Wonhola got married when she was 14 years old to Simeon Wonhola at

Old Koliganek in 1937.

After getting married she moved to Woodriver. In Woodriver her husband started reindeer herding. Reindeer and dogs were one of their main forms of transportation. They also ate the reindeer and used the fur and skin for clothing.

After she started having children, her husband retired from reindeer herding and they both moved to Old Koliganek.

While in Koliganek and later in New Stuyahok she raised 11 children.

She has 20 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren who are all living in New Stuyahok.



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