

# Lloyd Elasanga, 'Kit-Ting-a,' 49

Services were held in Anchorage Friday for Lloyd Elasanga, ivory carver and owner of the Eskimo Bow Drill Studio. Born Nov. 25, 1936, in Little Diomed, Lloyd learned to carve ivory from his grandfather while growing up and later went to Holy Cross High School. Lloyd spent his first 12 years on Little Diomed and began carving at the age of nine.

Lloyd completed high school and then went in the Marines for three years. After his military service at Honolulu, Hawaii, Lloyd stayed to earn his Business Degree at the Honolulu Business College. Lloyd also attended colleges in San Francisco and Anchorage.

He became an ordained minister in 1983 after attending the Alaska Native Baptist School of Theology. He presided over weddings, funerals and delivered sermons in Anchorage.

Elasanga received national recognition for his work. His Eskimo name was "Kit-Ting-a," a family name passed from his grandfathers. Art collectors from Italy, Germany, France and all over the United States purchased his work. His works are on display in Washington, D.C., the Vatican Museum in Rome, the Denver Fine

Arts Museum and the Marshall Field Museum of Anthropology in Chicago.

He is survived by his wife Lovie, of Anchorage, owner of the Eskimo Bow Drill Studio; his son and daughter-in-law, John and Betty Cunningham of Anchorage; his sister, Dora Ahkinga of Little Diomed; his grandmother, Susie Omiak of Teller; three grandchildren and one great-grandchild.



*Lloyd Elasanga, 1936 to 1935*