

# Poldine Demoski Carlo

## 1920-2018

Poldine Carlo, an Athabascan Indian, was born December 5, 1920 in Nulato, Alaska. She was a founding member, along with three others in the formation of the Fairbanks Native Association (FNA), setting the stage to what has become an organization leading changes in the community through service and legislation over the years. Her knowledge, wisdom, and persistence have guided the creation and growth of FNA. What started as four people meeting around Carlo's kitchen table has grown into a multi-million dollar organization with staff of over 200.

Carlo is also an active member of the Denakkanaaga Board of Directors, the University of Alaska Chancellor's Advisory Committee, Alaska Native Education Advisory Board, North Star Borough Senior Citizens Commission, Alaska Bicentennial Commission Board, Aboriginal Senior Citizens of Alaska and many other organizations, including the Koyukon Athabascan Singers.

She served as an elder/mentor during the World Eskimo/Indian Olympics and was seen participating in every Doyon, Limited shareholder meeting. Through her early demonstration of gathering people, Carlo continued to accept any opportunity to show support to those in times of need by volunteering her support. For more than 15 years, Carlo shared Athabascan traditions with children through a program of cultural enrichment in the Fairbanks North Star Borough School District.

