



Pearl Carmichael

NIJÙK DÀI' VAGÒONLIH: Divii Zrii' 6, 1927

NIJÌN VAGÒONLIH: Great Bear Lake, NT

VUYÙUGHWAN KAT: Harry ts'at Mary Harrison goovàazhii

GWÌCH'IN: Ehdiiat Gwich'in

JUUDÌN VATR'ÒONJIK: John Carmichael, Divii Zrii' 14, 1957 dài' vatr'òonjik

VITR'IININ KAT: Dolly, Harry ts'at Arlene kat hàh

BORN: November 6, 1927

BIRTHPLACE: Great Bear Lake, NT

PARENTS: Harry and Mary Harrison

GWICH'IN: Ehdiiat Gwich'in

MARRIED: John Carmichael on November 14, 1957

CHILDREN: Dolly, Arlene, Harry

Renie chan ts'at dachaa kat hàh, Thomas, Ben, George ts'at John gehkhee ts'at Effie Jane ts'at Margaret kat hàh digiyùughwan kat k'ìghe' diik'agahnjik, Laura ts'at Ben Kunnizzi kat hàh. Nich'it zhuu nilii dài' dahanh niniindhat aii geenjit school ekhè' gogoonuu ts'at diti' eevanh tr'iinin kat gok'anahtii geenjit ts'at tr'iniinjik. Geenjit giitr'ijih'ee gwàt jùk gweendòo tr'iinin kat school gwizhit t'ohch'uu goovahnuu jidii veenjit gòonlih kwaa geenjit akòo didiinu'. "Shitr'iinin kat shik goots'at ginikhkii ts'at school gwizhit t'ohch'uu geenjit gwiinzii gwàt tth'aih akòo t'agidi'in geenjit diinjishizhit."

1948 dài' t'at, Renie zrit didinjii heelyaa nihkhaa ginii'oo nuh ts'at aii tà'ee 1950 dài' vatr'òonjik. Nihkhàgo-othinjik tà'ee, Renie ts'at didinjii hàh ditsii ts'at ditsuu hàh agii'al tà'ee aii khahts'at atr'aadzoo gwits'at nàginii'oh. Nihkhàh zrit Renie ts'at didinyàhch'i' hàh tr'iinin ihàok gwijùutin ts'at neekaii gidilii geedi'i', neckanh kat zrit gootr'òonjik. Digits'iinin kat diik'agàhthat dài', yi'eenji' Esau Njik gitr'ahnuu gwà'an gogweech'in' ts'at àòò hàh ezhik dài' gwiinzii goovàh gòonlii ganadhindaih. Jùk gweendòo zrit, Renie t'at chan "vicheii 13 gòo 14 gidilii", gwiinzii goovàhshàndaii kwaa ahnuu. Jùk gweendòo aii k'cejit kat ts'at school gwizhit t'ohch'uu ts'at nits'oo

goovàh dàgòonch'uu geenjit shoh ohàii goovahnuu geenjit t'inuh. "Nits'oo shàh tàgòodhat ts'at jùk gweendòo nits'oo goovàh dàgòonch'uu geenjit shoh giinlih ji' geenjit diinjishizhit."

Pearl Carmichael was born on Great Bear Lake in 1927. Pearl's parents are Harry and Mary Harrison. Pearl has three siblings Daisy, Myrtal and Harry, Jr. Pearl's mother, Mary, had had six children in total, of which only three survived. Although Pearl had lost her mother when she was only nine years old, she recalls her childhood as plentiful of cherished memories such as snaring rabbits and trapping with her siblings and father. They grew up on their father's mink farm up the Peel River, until her father had fallen ill, which was when they moved to Aklavik.

Pearl married much later in life at the age of 34, which was when she moved into the Carmichael's camp: the home of her husband's parents. She remembers the festivities of her wedding, the dance at Peffer's old Dance Hall, and walking home through the snow in her sandals! Much like her mother, Pearl had two daughters and a son: Dolly, Arlene and Harry, after her marriage in November 1957 to John Carmichael. All of her three children are

still living today. When asked about life with John, "...everything was nice," she laughs as she remembers the variety of meats they always had to eat, as John was an excellent hunter.

Pearl's father was the one individual in her life that she looked up to the most, instilling in her all the values and personal integrity that she relies on today. With many grandchildren and great grandchildren, Pearl hopes that the future generations will be able to find it within themselves to command their own destiny, not rely on others and take care of themselves.