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In Memory of AFN Regional Chief Len Tomah Sr.



It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of our dear friend and colleague, AFN Regional Chief Len Tomah Sr. of Woodstock First Nation, NB. Len passed away on Thanksgiving Day after a lengthy battle with cancer. We extend our deepest sympathies, thoughts and prayers to his family.

Len's relationship with the Atlantic Chiefs and APC was significant. His persistence and enthusiastic energy helped create our organization. Collaborating with other Chiefs in the

region in 1992, Len helped to draft the terms of reference for the creation of APC and our Chiefs are forever grateful for Len's contributions to the original vision for the APC. Len was one of the original founding members.

As an active member of the APC Executive Committee, Len contributed greatly to the development of the APC's strategic direction on various policy issues. Len leaves all of us with a legacy of knowledge and work on many First Nation issues. He was passionate to see justice and resolution brought to issues such as taxation, land, and natural resources. Len was the Chief of his community for 12 years and has served as the AFN Regional Chief for NB & PEI since 1986. He served in this capacity for 22 years making him the longest running Regional Chief in the AFN.

In his spare time, Len always enjoyed a good game of golf, pool and exercising his Aboriginal right to hunt. Len was also a family man deeply committed to his wife, Janice, sons and grandchildren.

Len, you will be greatly missed by all of us.

Len is resting at the Culberson Funeral Home at 188 Connell St, Woodstock, NB with visiting hours on Wednesday & Thursday, October 15th & 16th, 2008 from 6-9 p.m. **Funeral mass to be held on Friday, October 17, 2008 at 11:00 A.M. St. Gertrude's Church.** A reception will be held at Eagles Nest. Donations can be made to the Calvary Cemetery or the Monument Fund for unmarked graves would be appreciated by the family.

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