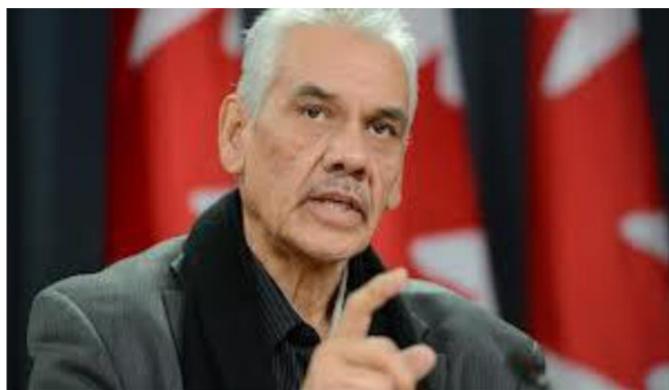




# Moose Cree First Nation

## Moose Cree First Nation Mourns the Passing of Grand Chief Dr. Stan Louttit



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*“The final test of a leader is that he leaves behind him in other men and women, the conviction and the will to carry on”*

Grand Chief Dr. Stan Louttit passed away after a long battle with cancer in the early morning hours of June 10, 2014. The Grand Chief was a well-respected leader and well-known figure not only within the Mushkegowuk area and Nishnawbe-Aski Nation, but regionally and nationally as well.

Born sixty-four years ago on his family’s traditional lands at Lake River, 100 miles north of Attawapiskat, the late Grand Chief was raised hunting and trapping and speaking the Cree language. Proud of his Fort Albany First Nation roots he spent most of his life living on Moose Factory Island with his wife Sharon where he raised four daughters and eight grandchildren. He also continued to spend time out on the land hunting, fishing and trapping as often as possible.

Grand Chief Louttit has held many leadership positions over the course of his long and distinguished career. At the time of his passing, he was in his third consecutive four-year term as Grand Chief of the Mushkegowuk First Nations. He also served a five-year term as Deputy Grand Chief of the Nishnawbe-Aski Nation. The Grand Chief received a Ministerial Award and the Governor General’s Medal of Bravery in recognition of his efforts during the Winisk flood of 1986. In 2011 he received an Honorary Doctorate of Education from Nipissing University in recognition of his leadership and advocacy.

The Moose Cree First Nation was proud to accept Grand Chief Louttit as a member recently and honoured him last July with a ceremony to mark his many years of strong leadership and advocacy on behalf of the people of the Mushkegowuk region. He was committed to raising the quality of life of the people of the Mushkegowuk communities and was a strong defender of Treaty 9.

“Grand Chief Louttit was an extraordinary leader and tireless advocate for the implementation of our Treaty and as a defender of our rights. He was a greatly respected and dedicated leader as well as proud father and grandfather and friend to so many,” stated Chief Norm Hardisty Jr. “He will be missed and he has left a legacy that will not be forgotten.”

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