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PRESS RELEASE
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It is with deep regret and sadness that we announce the passing of one of Sandy Lake First Nation's prominent and well-respected elder Jonas Joseph Fiddler, on Sunday, November 30, 2014 at the age of 80. Jonas was at the Meno-ya-win Health Centre in Sioux Lookout, Ontario and succumbed to complications from a number of health issues.

Jonas Joseph Fiddler was born September 23, 1934. He was most recently predeceased by his wife, Sarah Fiddler on March 25, 2012, and by his brothers Saul Fiddler and Abel Fiddler. He was also predeceased by his father Thomas Fiddler, the last hereditary chief and son of Chief Robert Fiddler, and his mother Mary Ann Fiddler.

Jonas leaves behind his children Rusty (Linda) Fiddler, Levina (Marcus) Day, Roy (Jacqueline) Fiddler and Elaine Linklater; his live-in grandchildren Claudia Fiddler, Kimberly Linklater, Christian Fiddler and Monique Fiddler; as well as numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great grandchildren. Jonas also leaves behind his brother Edtrip (Sarah) Fiddler.

Jonas was an active community member locally, regionally and nationally. In Sandy Lake First Nation, he was regarded and respected as a great spiritual leader, coordinating traditional ceremonies and congregating as an elder and church leader for the Adam Fiddler United Church. Jonas was respected for his guidance, direction and leadership as an elder and advisor for several boards, committees and native organizations including Sandy Lake Board of Education, Nishnawbe Aski Nation and Chiefs of Ontario. Jonas was an honorable man and everything he did was for the benefit of the people of Sandy Lake First Nation.

Wake services for the late Jonas Fiddler will take place in his home on Monday, December 1 and Tuesday, December 2 in Sandy Lake First Nation. The funeral service will be on Wednesday, December 3 starting at 12:00 noon at the Adam Fiddler United Church in Sandy Lake First Nation.

If you would like more information on this matter, please contact a council member of Sandy Lake First Nation at the above numbers.