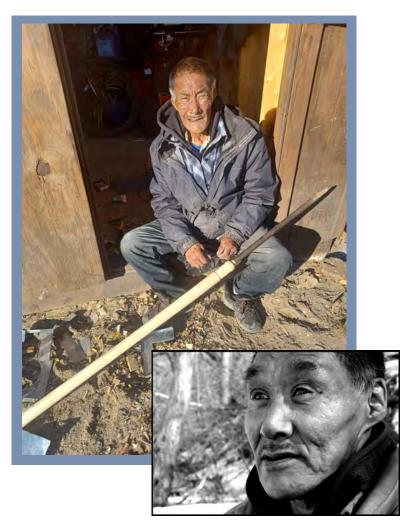
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December 28, c.1950 – February 12, 2025



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A Life Fully Lived

Kautaq Jushua Illauq, loving Father of Salliuraluk Ben Illauq, Aliqa Illauq, Anna Lisa Illauq, and Rebecca Illauq, and Ittuq (E-2) of 11 grandchildren, aged 7 months to 20 years, died about 5pm on Wednesday, February 12th.

An Innumariik of Kangirtugaapik (Clyde River), Qikiqtaaluk (Baffin Region), Nunavut, Jushua has been a mentor and guide to many young Inuit hunters, and of those who are not so young who know and love the land, both Inuit and Qallunaat, from Inuit Nunangit and the South, and internationally. Jushua studied animals and hunted anywhere he lived and always shared his catch with anyone, and especially elders.

A traveller who navigated the waters between Churchill and Clyde in late September 1993 with his new Hi Tech boat, crossed the Ice cap alone in May, 1998 to retrieve igunaq from Igloolik for Clyde people, and a founding participant in the first Nunavut Quest in 1999, Jushua loved travelling more than any other activity.

The survivor of at least 7 Canadian Coast Guard rescues, Jushua is perhaps best remembered in the media for his adventures on the land, and his belief that there is no such thing as bad weather – only weather. Jushua died as the result of injuries sustained in a serious snowmobile incident while hunting caribou between Clyde and Pond.

In his late 70's (he had two birth certificates) Jushua's strength and ability to live with a sense of humor despite tremendous challenges carried him through an excruciating final qamutik ride to the area of Qangirllualuk (Sam Ford Fiord) where he had grown up and learned from his Uncles, Mosesie and Salliuraluk. He is deeply missed by his family and his home community of Clyde, as well as by many in the Ottawa Inuit Community. Jushua's family gratefully thanks those who were with him on his final trip.

Jushua is Home!

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