



# William Edwards

**VAGÒONLIH:** Echee Zrii' 4, 1919

**NIJÌN VAGÒONLIH:** Chi Tsal Dik

**VIYÙUGHWÀN KAT:**

Abraham ts'at Emma Francis kat hàh

**VÌTSII TS'ÀT VÌTSUU:**

Edward ts'at Catherine Sittichinli

**GWICH'IN:** Teetl'it Gwich'in

**GOONJIK:** Rowena Neyando

**VITR'IININ KAT:** Mildred, Ruby, Abraham, Emily, Richard, Charlie, Mary, Douglas, Cathy, Leonard ts'at Donna kat hàh

**BORN:** March 4, 1919

**BIRTHPLACE:** Fort McPherson

**PARENTS:**

Emma and Abraham Francis

**GRANDPARENTS:**

Edward and Catherine Sittichinli by adoption

**GWICH'IN:** Teetl'it Gwich'in

**MARRIED:** Rowena Neyando

**CHILDREN:**

Mildred, Ruby, Abraham, Emily, Richard, Charlie, Mary, Douglas, Cathy, Leonard, and Donna



William zrit Teetl'it Zheh gwizhìt duk'à'ghthat, tr'oochìt vahanh ts'at vitì' k'ìghe' gwàt dahanh elts'ik najilnaì k'ìghe' vakwaa t'ee chan vitsii ts'at vitsuu kat hàh vatr'oonjik ts'at duk'à'ghthat. William vitsii zrit gukhii unli' ts'at geetàk hee gukhii choo nah'in' vanadhindaih nuh.

Aii t'ee nagwidàdhat leii nagwìndhat, Teetl'it Zheh gwizhìt Rowena Neyando gòonjik ts'at tr'uinìn ihłok gwijùutìn ts'at ihłak geedi'in'. Shìk łaii nahaazhok eenjit shòh unli' ts'at dachan tat gogwìndai' eenjit chan. "Shìlik kat chan its'iteech'i' ushì'in'!" zrit nùu, tthak nihchaa geedilik. Ddhah toh nahaanzhok vanadhindaii ts'at nijìn gwà'àn dizeh gootat nahihdyaa gwats'at akoo t'eedi'in ahnuh.



William Edwards was born and raised in Fort McPherson by his parents Emma and Abraham Francis. He remembers being raised by his Grandmother and Grandfather in town. William's Grandfather was a Minister and remembers seeing the Bishop on occasion.

Many years later William was married and had a total of eleven children. His wedding was celebrated with a memorable cake. He remembers how much he enjoyed travelling by dogsled. "I had seven dogs on my dog team," he says, who were all brothers from the same litter. He can remember travelling across the mountains with his team to meet up with his family.