



## **NEWS RELEASE**

**April 24, 2009**

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It is with great sadness we announce the loss of respected and cherished elder, Laura Jane Meekis (Kakegamic). She was affectionately known to everyone as Nana-Jean.

Nana-Jean passed away early this morning, Friday, April 24, 2009, in Sioux Lookout after being medivaced out of the community yesterday afternoon. She was 73 years old.

Nana-Jean is predeceased by her husband David Meekis, brother Cornelius Kakegamic, and brother-in-law Bill (Irene) Meekis.

She is survived by her twin sister, Janisse Kakekapetum; and her adopted children Daniel (Annie) Meekis of Sandy Lake, Kendal (Mark) Kakegamic of Sandy Lake, Bertha (Stephan) Rae of North Spirit Lake, Raymond (Phyllomena) Meekis of North Spirit Lake, and Audrey (Alex) Flett of Garden Hill, Manitoba.

Nana-Jean will be lovingly remembered by her grandchildren Drenton, Norman, Breeanne, Demitra, Tricia, Trevin, Jenna, Maggie, Donna, Rhya, Ryder, Alexandra, Angel, and many more.

Funeral arrangements are not known at this time. Any council member can be contacted at one of the above phone numbers for more information.

Sandy Lake First Nation appreciates your prayers and thoughts for the family and community during this time.