

# Joseph Lumsden, 52

Joseph Lumsden, 52, chairman of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians since 1976, died Sept. 20, 1987.

Funeral will be 11 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 23, at St. Josephs Catholic Church, Sault Ste. Marie. The Rev. Don Shiroda, OFM, will officiate and burial will be in Riverside Cemetery, Sault Ste. Marie.

Mr. Lumsden was born Oct. 10, 1934, in Sault Ste. Marie, the son of Edward and Beatrice Lumsden.

He attended Northern Michigan University and received a bachelor's degree and secondary teaching certificate in 1967 with majors in biology and history. He held a special interest in American Indian history and anthropology and did graduate work in education psychology. From 1954-57, he served in the U.S. Marine Corps.

Mr. Lumsden has been an active leader in the Indian community in the Sault Ste. Marie area and the eastern Upper Peninsula all his life.

He is well-known for his work in education and youth programs, as the chief negotiator in the treaty fishing rights controversy and in land claims and economic development issues for the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians. In recognition of his work, the tribe named its recently acquired education and social services building after him.

Lumsden has been chairman of the Sault Ste. Marie tribe of Chippewa Indians since 1976 and prior to that was president of the Original Bands of Sault Ste. Marie Chippewa Indians and Their Heirs, Inc. since 1973. From 1967-73 he served on the board of directors of the band.

Lumsden taught elementary school in 1965 and was a community action specialist for Indian communities in 1967. He worked as a job developer under the Michigan Development Training Program in 1969 and in 1970 was director of the Inter-Cultural Exchange Program of Lake Superior State College (LSSC) and assistant director for the Upward

Bound Program at LSSC. From 1974-81 he was Indian education facilitator for the Sault Area Public Schools.

Lumsden has held many other positions on boards and committees including executive secretary for Cultural Affairs for LSSC; board of directors member of the Eastern Upper Peninsula Fish and Game Association; citizens advisory board, Sault Ste. Marie Area High School; advisory board member of "The Open Concept of Indian Education."

He was also on the board of directors for Transition House for Young Men; chairman of Title I, II, III, IV Higher Education Association Advisory Committee for Sault schools; advisory board of directors for Listening Ear Crisis Intervention and Community Development Commission in the Soo.

Lumsden served as co-chairman of Chi-Chuk Construction Co. and chairman of Opeechee Construction Co. He was chairman of Chippewa-Ottawa Treaty Fishery Management Authority since 1981 and a member of the executive board of Inter-Tribal Council; a member of the Great Lakes Fishery Commission Committee of the Whole; a member of Chippewa County Environmental Review Forum; and a member of the Treaty Fishery Executive Council.

Mr. Lumsden was a well-known fiddler and storyteller and was active in baseball, softball and hockey.

He is survived by his wife, the former Susanna Soli; children Lori, Michael, Joel and Amber, all of Sault Ste. Marie; one brother, Paul; one granddaughter.

A prayer service will be held 8 p.m. today at Clark's Bailey-Newhouse Funeral Home in Sault Ste. Marie. Friends may call at the funeral home from 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. today.

The family suggests memorials to Joseph K. Lumsden Education Memorial Fund, 206 Greenough St., Sault Ste. Marie, 49783, in care of Kathy Fike.



Joe Lumsden, Joe Menard and Jack Chambers.



Joe Lumsden in 1984.