

Darlene "Red" Seeberger, their families, and his brothers-in-law John and Thomas Simonson, Mike Scanlan, and Don Distefano and sister-in-law Peggy Simonson. He also leaves his beloved grandchildren and extended family members.

Al lived a life of service and was known for a generosity of spirit and a drive to help others in both his public and private life.

To his family, he was a beloved husband, father, and grandfather for whom family was the highest priority. He often organized subsistence hunting and fishing trips for his children, where he passed down traditional Inupiat skills. He coordinated all the logistics for these memorable outings and even served as camp cook, making sure everyone was well fed. Whether dipnetting at the mouth of the Kenai River, caribou hunting outside of Kotzebue, or visiting the fish wheel at Chitina, he let his wife, children, and grandchildren know they were loved and they came first and foremost in his life.

He was also a romantic and loving husband, planning vacations for his wife, Diane, to celebrate and share the milestones they achieved together as a couple. Travel was one of his favorite pastimes and one he loved to share with her.

Although he led a very public life, he also was a man of many unsung good deeds on a personal level. Many people did not know he kept cash in his vehicle console to give those in need, or that he provided meals to those who were hungry. At Christmas, boxes of turkeys would arrive at Bean's Cafe and money for holiday goody bags would arrive at the Friends Church. The individual recipients never knew who had lent them a hand.

Even when Al was ill, he cared for others and tried to ease their worries with humor. He wanted others to be comfortable and to enjoy life. He put people first and was always prepared to serve them. He believed in God, in a higher power, and was a teacher and mentor to many.

Publically, Al's service to his beloved State improved the lives of those he represented in rural Alaska. His long career in public service began in the late 1960s and included 8 years in the Alaska State House beginning in 1980, during which he represented District 37 which included the communities of the NANA/Maniilaq and Arctic Slope regions. From 1988–2000, he served in the Alaska State Senate, also representing the Bering Straits/Kawerak region.

Following his retirement from the Alaska State Legislature, Al served as president of Adams Management Services and worked for the Northwest Arctic Borough and North Slope Borough as an adviser sharing his understanding of State government and how it could help the people of rural Alaska.

In 2003, he began a new career as a lobbyist with a focus on representing rural and Alaska Native interests. He

again provided a powerful voice in Juneau and Washington, DC, drawing on his years of State legislative experience. He brought the same passion to lobbying that he had as a legislator, always saying those he represented weren't his clients, they were his people. He tirelessly promoted the continued successes of Mt. Edgecumbe High School because of the valuable opportunities it provides to develop relationships among talented young Alaska Native people.

Al's hospitality to his peers, staff, clients and visitors at the State capitol is still remembered to this day. His door and telephone lines were always open to Alaskans, no matter where they lived. He worked hard to guarantee rural Alaska gained its fair share of State funding and he joined his colleagues on statewide efforts that benefited all Alaskans.

An astute lawmaker, he was a master at understanding politics and State finances and chaired the powerful House Finance Committee during his 8-year term in the State House. He served 18 years on the Legislative Budget and Audit Committee and 12 years on the Operating Budget Conference Committee. He served on other key committees that helped protect subsistence and bring needed infrastructure and social services to rural Alaska.

He fought hard for the establishment and continued existence of the Power Coast Equalization (PCE) program; convincing the Alaska Legislature to establish an endowment to fund PCE in perpetuity.

Prior to his legislative service, he held other positions as president of Kikiktargruk inupiat Corporation. He also served on numerous boards including the Alaska Airlines Advisory Board, Arctic Power, Mt. Edgecumbe and NANA Regional Corporation.

When I was elected mayor of Anchorage, AK, Al met with me and reminded me Anchorage is Alaska's largest Native community. When I was elected Senator, he continued to advise me on how together we could help all Alaskans.

The people of Alaska will miss Senator Al Adams. He was a friend, a mentor, a humanitarian and an example for many generations of leaders. I will miss Al for not only his guidance on doing what's right for all of the people of Alaska but for his wit and his friendship.●

PETALUMA ALL-STAR TEAM

● Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I am pleased to congratulate the 2012 Petaluma National Little League All-Star team for capturing third place at the 66th Little League World Series in Williamsport, PA. The determination, sportsmanship and love of the game that these young athletes exhibited captured the imagination and support of people in Petaluma and throughout California.

Since its establishment with three teams in 1939, Little League Baseball

has grown to become the world's largest youth sports program, enabling millions of children from 80 countries in 6 continents to enjoy and compete in the American pastime. This year the Little League World Series featured eight regional representatives from the United States and eight international teams.

The Petaluma National All-Star team qualified for the Little League World Series by winning the District 35 Tournament in Petaluma, the Section I Tournament in Fairfield, the NorCal Division II Tournament in Fremont and the Western Regional Tournament in San Bernardino.

At the Little League World Series, the Petaluma All-Stars achieved several impressive and memorable feats. In the U.S. Championship game, the Petaluma All-Stars staged one of the biggest and most thrilling rallies in Little League World Series history when they plated 10 runs in the bottom of the sixth to force their game against the team from Goodlettsville, TN into extra innings. Although their valiant effort would ultimately fall short, the remarkable determination and competitiveness exhibited by these young athletes will forever be a part of the lore of the Little League World Series. The next day, the Petaluma team showed its resilience by defeating the team from Aguadulce, Panama to place third worldwide behind the eventual Little League World Series championship team from Tokyo, Japan and the U.S. Championship team from Goodlettsville, TN.

I ask my colleagues to join me and the Petaluma community in recognizing all the members of the Petaluma National Little League All-Star team on this wonderful achievement: Kempton Brandis, Blake Buhner, Logan Douglas, Quinton Gago, Daniel Marzo, Dylan Moore, James O'Hanlon, Austin Parette, Porter Slate, Hance Smith, Bradley Smith, Cole Tomei, Andrew White and a team of dedicated coaches, parents and volunteers.●

DEATH OF SACAGAWEA

● Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota. Mr. President, I wish to speak today to commemorate the life of Sacagawea and the impacts her life has had on the development of our great Nation. While there is some controversy regarding the death of Sacagawea, most research indicates that this year marks the 200th anniversary of her reported death in present day South Dakota.

Sacagawea is historically most famous for guiding Captains Meriwether Lewis and William Clark, along with her husband and infant son, on U.S. President Thomas Jefferson's Corps of Northwestern Discovery expedition to the Pacific Coast and back from 1804 to 1806.

Sacagawea, the daughter of a Shoshone chief, was born around 1788 in present-day Idaho. At a young age, she was captured by the enemies of the