

EDNA HELM



Edna Helm, born in Bennett, Yukon, was the oldest of 10 children. She lived “the good life” learning, as a child, to trap, hunt, fish, and run the family dog team. She continued these traditions throughout her life, teaching others along the way. Edna and her husband, Walter, raised 3 children together, yet, Edna was a mother figure to her siblings, family members, and their friends. She held her family close, opened her heart, and adopted many more.

Edna was a long-standing and original Member of the Carcross Tagish Renewable Resources Council as well as serving on the Land Management Board, General Council, Elders Council, Water Committee, Housing Committee, and Enrollment Committee. She was a highly respected participant at all tables, strong but gentle, caring, and encouraging. She was honest and always did what she thought was right for the greater good. Edna was incredibly accomplished despite lacking a formal education, and as such, was an advocate for the values of educating youth. Edna has encouraged the generations that follow her to pursue cultural knowledge, traditional pursuits, and higher education.

The Edna Helm Memorial Scholarship was formed following her passing February 19, 2024 in lasting memory of Edna’s contributions to fish and wildlife and higher education.