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| Huslia | Selawik |
| Kaltag | Shageluk |
| Kasigluk | Shaktoolik |
| Kiana | Shishmaref |
| Kivalina | Shungnak |
| Kotlik | Stebbins |
| Koyuk | Teller |
| Lower Kalskag | Togiak |
| Marshall | Toksook Bay |
| Mekoryuk | Tununak |
| Minto | Upper Kalskag |
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AVEC Mourns Beloved Director

Julia Ann Walker
January 24, 1959 – August 13, 2011

Julia Walker, 52, a resident of the village of Anvik, was among six people aboard a single-engine Cessna 207 when the plane crashed 37 miles from McGrath. Julia and the pilot died.



She was returning home after an AVEC board meeting, a director training session and three days of teacher in-service training.

Julia taught kindergarten through third grade at Anvik's Blackwell School, where she also served as principal. For more than 17 years, she represented AVEC's 53 communities on the board of Alaska Village Electric Cooperative.

"Julie has personified AVEC for many years," says Meera Kohler, the co-op's president and CEO. "Alaska has lost a gentle soul who served her state and her community by leading through example. I have lost a friend and mentor."

First elected to AVEC's board in 1992, Julia developed a reputation for doing what was right, says Meera. "Anvik is a community of less than 100 souls but she and her family were larger than life."

Julia's family says, "Julia was known and loved throughout the world. Wherever she traveled, she left a piece of herself, her love and her graciousness. All children were her pride and joy. She loved her job as an educator and made a difference in every child's life she touched. She lived a subsistence way of life. All her traditions, cultures and values were taught to her at a very young age. So she knew how important it was to pass it down to her own children and students. If it was berry

picking, cutting fish, moose hunting, spirit camp or potlatches, she was there to share her knowledge, give a helping hand and lift your spirits."

After serving as a teacher's aide at Anvik's K-12 school for many years, Julia put herself through college. She completed courses in her village, but would fly in for a week of classroom instruction several times each year.

"When she graduated with her education degree, we were all giddy with excitement," said Meera. "Julie was just a bundle of energy. She was a very positive person."

Julia is survived by her husband, Robert A. Walker of Anvik; sons Chadwick and Chaz Walker both of Anvik, and Ryan Demientieff of Holy Cross; daughter Brandi (Cassie) Walker-Jones; daughter-in-law Alberta Walker; son-in-law Ted Jones; grandsons Carlson King, Corwin and Chadwick Walker Jr.; granddaughters Chantelle and Chaniya Walker, all of Anvik; mother Marsha Jerue of Anchorage; brother Clifford Jerue and partner Sherry Kruger; brother Carl Jerue Jr. and wife Tami Jerue; sister Susan Kruger and husband, Ted Kruger, all of Anvik; sister Beverly Masek of Willow; brothers Alfred Jerue of Anvik and Charles and Merle Jerue, both of Anchorage. She leaves many nieces, nephews, great nieces, and nephews, as well as many godchildren.

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