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An honoured and dedicated Elder and mother is lost with the passing of Sarah Harper

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TREATY ONE TERRITORY, WINNIPEG, MANITOBA – Grand Chief Sheila North Wilson and the Chiefs of the MKO extend their sincerest condolences to the Harper family, Oxford House and Bunibonibee on the passing of Sarah Harper.

“It is with much sadness and great respect that I hear that Elder Sarah Harper has gone on her final journey,” Grand Chief Sheila North Wilson said. “She was a lady full of compassion and was devoted to her family and community. My heart goes out to her family, friends and the Bunibonibee Cree Nation. She was a gift to the generations of her family that were able to know her. It was an honour to celebrate her long life with Sarah, her family and community on her last birthday. I will forever cherish the prayer she blessed me with and her guidance to always love and honour our family. The ripples from losing an Elder with the knowledge collected over such a long life will be felt throughout the north. Manitoba has just lost a great woman who was a bridge to her traditional way of life and language. For a time, she may have been known as the most elderly person in the province, but for many, many years longer, she was a pillar within Bunibonibee and Oxford House.”

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