



**Name:** John Peter Pestrikoff

**Baptismal Name:** Ivan Petrovich Pestrikov

**Born:** Ouzinkie, Alaska, August 29, 1910

**Family: Parents:** Christina (adopted by Alexis Benjamin Woche) born 1888. Christina's mother from Kaguyak, related to Melevidoff family

**Siblings:** (from first marriage) Ted, Gabriel, John Pestrikoff, (from second marriage with Gregory Chernikoff (Chernikov)) Ponteleman, Jennie

**Wife:** Julia Pestrikoff

**Children:** Fred Pestrikoff (Freddie) married Sandra Ponchene

**Grandchildren:** John, Richard, and Karen Pestrikoff

### **Quliangua:**

John Pestrikoff's life has been defined by his work. As a young man, he helped elders hunt by rowing for them. Along the way, he heard many old stories and tales. He has trapped for fur with Aananaa Chernikoff around Tonki Cape. When trapping they camped at Angaluk. Pestrikoff also worked along with a labor crew for Ouzinkie Cannery, which was owned by Grimes. He pitched fish, along with doing other jobs, for the Uganik Cannery. He was a watchman at a fish trap in Raspberry Straits. Pestrikoff was able to fish out of Dutch Harbor as a crewman for herring. Pestrikoff ran the F/V KFC8 for Kadiak Fisheries, and later owned his own boat, F/V Gale.

Pestrikoff also remembers the importance of music growing up. Because of the importance of music, he learned how to play the guitar, banjo and the mandolin.

John Pestrikoff moved to Afognak when he was two years old. Mary (Woche) Petellin lived there, which was an influence for his mother to move from Ouzinkie. Pestrikoff's mother, Christina, was adopted by Alexis Benjamin Woche, and had two siblings. Alec, who was also adopted, was older than Christina, and Mary, who was Benjamin and Alexandria Woche's only biological daughter. Christina, John Pestrikoff's mother, worked for Mary and Emilian Petellin at their store in Afognak for approximately five years.