

## Glenn W. "Tiny" Fredericks (1935–2007)



Glenn W. "Tiny" Fredericks was born October 27, 1935 in Sleetmute, Alaska, at his parent's homestead located on the Kuskokwim River. After graduating from Palmer High School, he joined the Marine Corps during the Korean War and served his country with honor. Traveling across America on his way home, Mr. Fredericks returned to Alaska to devote his life's work to Alaska Native issues and for the betterment of his people.

As an Alaska Native leader, Mr. Fredericks played a central role in the formation of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA), traveling to the villages of the Calista Region to explain the Act and returning to Washington, D.C., to impart the comments and suggestions of his people. As a result of ANCSA, he played a large part in the merger of The Kuskokwim Corporation's (TKC) 10 village entities to create a successful for-profit corporation that pooled the resources of the villages and encompassed the values of the Native people. Mr. Fredericks served as a co-chair of the Alaska Federation of Natives (AFN) for several years and continued his service on various boards including Kuskokwim Native Association, Kuskokwim Educational Foundation, Rural Energy Enterprises and the Calista Corp. He had been owner of Barometer Mountain Builders, and at the time of his death, was president of the Georgetown Tribal Council, vice chairman of The Kuskokwim Corp. and TKC Development, Inc. He was also president of RIM First People, an architectural firm he founded with his daughter Michael to bring responsive design to Alaska Native people.

Mr. Fredericks had five children with his wife (deceased) Janet: Father Michael "Vernon" Fredericks, Chris Fredericks, Julie Fredericks, Mary Binnig, Renee Fredericks and Michael Fredericks. He passed away on June 30, 2007 in Anchorage, Alaska.