

## **Jean (John) Oscar Guiboche. (d. 2003)**

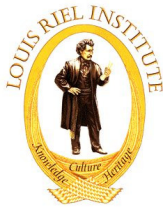
By Gabriel Dufault.)

Jean was born on December 27<sup>th</sup> in St. Laurent, Manitoba. His parents were Toussaint and Rosalie. He had seven brothers and five sisters. He gave up on the family farm in St. Laurent very eager to learn. He knew from an early age he wanted to teach.

Upon leaving home he attended Teachers College and later obtained three University degrees in Pedagogy. In 1970, Jean married Paulette Baril and settled in Portage La Prairie where they were blessed with two daughters Christine and Natalie. He was a very devoted and proud father instilling in them his love for music and dancing.

Jean taught for 40 years in many schools in Ontario, Saskatchewan and Manitoba. His last fifteen years were spent in Portage La Prairie. He retired in 1990, leaving him more time to devote to his passions. His greatest was presenting the cultural history of Manitoba. This led to him being the recipient of two heritage awards: the *Douglas Campbell Award* in 1998 and the *Prix Manitoba Award*<sup>1</sup> presented by Culture, Heritage and Citizenship Minister Rosemary Vodrey in the category of Education and Communication for his many years as a teacher and presenter of French Canadian and Metis history.

Jean also had many other interests such as sports, camping, traveling, cooking and presenting the life of the Voyageurs to elder hostels, schools and various organizations. He passed away in Brandon, Manitoba on November 8<sup>th</sup> 2003. (Contributed by Gabriel Dufault.)



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<sup>1</sup> May 12, 1999, Jean Oscar Guiboche received a *Prix Award* for his promotion and preservation of the heritage of aboriginal people, the voyageurs and Manitoba explorers through education.