

Sara Arnatsiaq

MAY 19TH, 1968-JULY 24TH, 2026



The family of Sara Arnatsiaq (Igloolik, NU) is saddened to announce the passing of our loved one. Sara was the child of Guy and Renee Arnatsiaq (Igloolik) and the biological child of Simona Aqsakak and Moses Aliyak (Rankin Inlet). Sara passed peacefully surrounded by friends and family and loving and supportive staff at the Continuing Care Facility in Igloolik, Nunavut.

Sara is survived by her previous partner Peter Ivalu (Igloolik), two children Richard Kunuk (Igloolik) and Alexa Ivalu (Igloolik), Grand children: Breanne (20), Taylor (19), Michael (16), Richard Jr. (13), Kook (9), Tipporah (7) and Natan (1), Great Grandchild: Johnny (1). She also leaves behind her siblings Simona Arnatsiaq, Mahriah Aliyak, Leah Aliyak (Wayne), Rachel Marin, Andy Aliyak, Samuel Aliyak (Susan), and Samson Aliyak (Shirly). Sara was also loved by her de siblings who have since passed Lucien Ukkallianuk, Pelagie Arnatsiaq, Nicholas Arnatsiaq, David Arnatsiaq, Yvonne Paniaq, Maurice Arnatsiaq, Angie Kubluitok, and Uriah Aliyak Sr. Sara will also be missed by many other family and friends. Her ability to show enthusiasm and love to others knew no bounds.

She will be forever remembered by family and friends for her kindness and joy of life. Her ability to connect with people and light up a room while being her authentic self is what fuel a passion for a career in journalism. She represented Inuit in her roles as host on Inuit Broadcasting (Qaggiq), Newscaster (CBC Radio), and Reporter (Nunatsiaq News). Sara's passion and zest for words later fuelled her to provide support as working as a simultaneous interpreter and translator for the Government of Nunavut.