

Circle of Life: Donald Marshall Junior

Donald Marshall Junior was born on September 13th, 1953 and passed away on August 6th, 2009. Even though he is no longer with us, his life lessons are truly relevant today.

Here, we have a visual representation of Junior's life journey. The artwork captures the four cornerstones of Junior's life and we used William Commanda's medicine wheel to visually showcase them.

The yellow sector represents vision. Junior found his drive for justice when he was wrongly convicted of murder at the age of 16. The red sector represents community. Junior fought for eel fishing rights by helping to create a treaty for the Mi'kmaq Nation.

This is important for the Mi'kmaq community because eel is their main food source.

The black sector represents healing. Junior created summer camps for the youth because he didn't want them to go through

the adolescent trauma of being sent to jail for 11 years for something they didn't do.

The white sector represents wisdom. Junior didn't let the wrongful conviction stop him from living his life.

He chose to make a difference in his community and shape the next generation.

As a result, he was presented with the Wolf Project Award.

Finally, we present Junior in portraiture because it evokes a sense of timeless and

the lessons of Junior are something we should hold onto and pass along to the next generation.

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