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**IN MEMORIAM**

## Chief Joseph (Joe) William Mathias November 12, 1943 — March 10, 2000

March 14, 2000

Kia Ora,

My name is Alec Te Aroha Hawke. I was born in Auckland, New Zealand. I am a Maori, and belong to the Ngati Whatua tribe of Orakei. I am currently residing in Victoria, BC, and I am spokesman for our tribe in North America.

On behalf of the Ngati Whatua O Orakei tribe, I would like to offer our condolences to the Family and Tribal members of the Squamish Nation.

Joe's work on behalf of First Nation people throughout Canada, has not gone unnoticed in my home town. In fact a lot of the same issues that he has championed over the years has made an impact on Legal Issues associated to Maori Land claims in New Zealand.

I have also been able to see Joe at work in the few Summits i have attended, and i will be forever thankful for this privillage.

Joe was truly a Great Man.

HAERE RA E RANGITIRA  
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HAERE.



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