



He had become a member of the newly established Inukjuak Co-operative's board of directors in 1968 and was 32 years old when he did. He had been involved with the growth of the local co-operative since. He continued diligently and constantly to better the Inukjuak Co-operative Association and was proud of how well it was being managed, due to the board of directors' ability to make sound decisions to which he participated and guided.

He was also a respected local leader having served for several years as President of the Inukjuak Community Council. He was a member of the FCNQ board of directors since the 1970s and first became president in 1980. He held the presidential mandate for the past three years running and was hoping to remain involved as an Executive Committee member of the FCNQ.

Eli was to receive the Order of Merit from the Conseil Québécois des coopératives et la mutualité (CQCM) March 12, a Merit he very much deserved. Eli was always a humble man and dedicated to serving others, the co-op was the best way he knew how. He remained loyal to the cooperative movement until his death March 3. His funeral will be held today in Inukjuak at 3 o'clock.

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