

Biography of Ameen Sine Abougoush



Ameen Sine Abougoush, also known as Ameen Alley, was born on November 10, 1927 in Fort Chipewyan, Alberta. Ameen's parents were Sine Alley Abougoush and Rose Albina Mercredi, and grew up hearing stories of the Alberta North and his father's many adventures there.

In 1930, when Ameen was two years old, the family moved to Lala, Lebanon, his father's birthplace. In 1948, Ameen and his sister Malakee returned to Canada. They spent a few weeks in Rimbey, Alberta where Ameen was peddling goods.

Ameen and his sister were very close, and when she married Sam Asiff from Lac La Biche, Ameen moved to Lac La Biche to live with them. Helping Sam on his mink ranch, Ameen learned the trade and later set up his own mink ranch in 1950.

In December 1954, Ameen's bride Zakia arrived from Lebanon, and on January 7, 1955 they were married. They raised eight children: Asma, Osima, Sine, Helen, Hoda, Shadia, Nadia and Riya – most of whom still reside in Lac La Biche today.

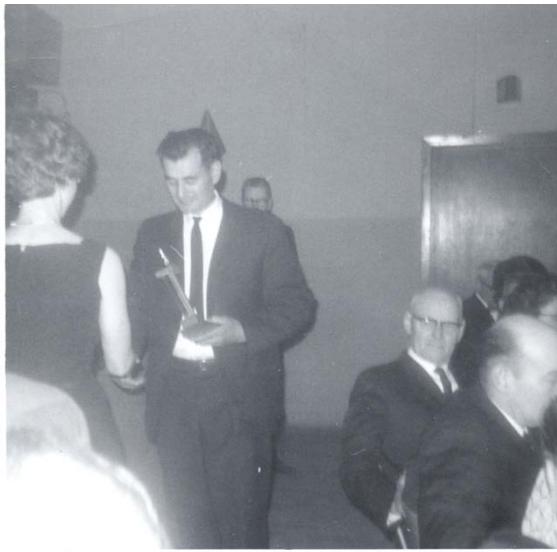
Ameen was a very successful mink rancher, and was well-respected among his peers. The mink ranch was not just a job, it was his passion. Ameen raised mink that were superior in size and fur quality, and would often attend shows where his mink won numerous prizes and trophies. He was an active member of the Canadian Mink Breeders Association.

The name Ameen means honest and trustworthy, and those are traits that he lived by. He raised his family according to the Islamic faith.

Among other positions, Ameen served as president of the Lac La Biche Muslim Association.

Ameen returned to Lebanon to visit his parents and other family members in 1972 and 1977.

Friends and family always gravitated towards Ameen, because of his sense of humor, generosity and kindness. On May 23, 1981 at the age of 53, Ameen passed away. He was a man who left a part of himself with everyone he met.



Ameen Receiving Award at Mink Show



Ameen with his first truck



Sine, Ameen & Zakia Abougoush