

**BORN:**

July 23, 1913

BIRTHPLACE:

Fort McPherson

PARENTS:

*Andrew Koe and
Talitha Vittshekk*

GWICH'IN:

Teet'it Gwichin

MARRIED:

Pierre Benoit in 1956

CHILDREN:

*Thomas, Joe
(adopted), Clayton
(adopted)*

Annie akoo dinuu zrit nits'oo dah gwich'in kat eenjit ɬai gooveenjit gwijunchu goonlu ganadhandau. Akoo dinuu zrit gwunzu nekhwelik k'anohtu, drin gwtak gwinyaanch'uu shih nizru goots'at ohtsu geenjit gwunzu nakhwah k'agahnahtyaa dagoonch'uu. Ezhik dai' dinju zhuh k'yuu goots'at gunkhu dai' gwunzu gwik'it tadzui'al'ee ts'at jidui tthak goovah gwaandak gwik'it akoo t'ageedi'in' nuh. Ihlat dai', too goo'au guuzhik, tau gwijnik ahaa kxanh ts'at tau atr'agwahndak nuh. Vilik chih dhidiu nayun'at ts'at au tau guukaniuntu vahnuu. Khanhts'at akoo t'eedi'in' ts'at dizheh gwits'ee tagoojil.

Annie ts'at Pierre hah Inuvik gehkhee zheh gwidhoh tadh'ee au t'ee dachan zheh gwatsal geedi'in' nijin Nihk'it Van goo'au gwa'an. Ezhik dai' jak zheui ts'at nat'at goonlu gwunli' nuh ts'at dinju tr'oochit ezhik gwa'an t'agunch'uu ahnuu. Ezhik danh gwunzu gwudandau, dzan dhaakhau, geh geh'ai', vadzaih natr'aazru, dinjik, dats'an ts'at daazrau kat hah tthak. Khau dai' iyuu nayadaghaa chuu eenjit, troo tr'aghaa ants'at sreendit dai' chuu dak t'idi'u geenjit gugwinah'in duuleh dachan zheh gwatsal gwa'an guuvah natanah ee gwich'u geenjit. Shik ju tthak ganunji'lhthat. "Ei' hah gwunzu gwudandau," Annie ahnuu.

Juk gweendoo zrit Annie Aklavik gwizhit gwich'in. Geetak vizhuu kxaints'an' Clayton yeenji' gwa'an veenjit zheh gwidhoh nanunthau nijin gwits'ee gee'al, ezhik danh uutsik ahtsu ts'at kwan' kak lidu ahtsu ts'at veenjit srugoonch'uu nuh. Eghch'u hah dhandau. Kwan' kak lidu ahtsu geenjit gat'unihthan. Geetak geenjit tr'inuzhu shadhakhau Annie juunuh guuzhik dlok nuu'aih.

Annie Benoit

**Annie (Koe)
Benoit**

Tr'unin nilu dai', Annie zrit viyuughwan kat hah dachan tat nihk'yuu natr'ehdinjik. Khau dai' ddhah tat vadzaih eenjit nihk'yuu tr'igwinah'u nagahdadal. Sreendit dai' ehdiitat gwa'an dzan eenjit nagoojil ts'at shin chan Alec Vizheh ezhik danh zrit viti' chihvyah chahchuh ts'at uutsik kheenjit gadaatsi. Geetak zrit chehluk eenjit chaja' a'au ts'at vahanh nits'oots'at chehluk dhat, jak ts'at soogau hah vake'ahch'uu ganadhandau. Ju shih vagwaandau Drin Tsal ts'at

Nanigwaalu Drin eenjit tsu k'it zhit naginahkaih.

Annie vaghau nihk'uitik nilu dai' Hay River gwizhit school nitr'inyahchih khau neekau geenjit vijuu Rachel Reindeer chan ts'at goolak Mary Koe kat hah. Jidui slate board kak adant'oo, vakak gunkhu ts'at ihditshih add gugwahtsu guk'yaanjik ganadhandau. Viti' zrit adanh, Rachel ts'at Mary k'unjik gooteegwijnjik leu kat ts'ik k'ughe' nanunjik geh'an akoo t'eedi'in' nuh.