Nîcimos: (sweetheart in Cree-Michif) (TRANSCRIPT)

(Destiny) How did you and grandpa meet?

(Irene) “Probably the store. I came to the store and he worked there. Then we start talking, then he asked, he asked could come see me at house. He used to come almost every night, every evening. That time I seen him in Frog Lake. After that, after I met him, he asked if he could take me out to dinner. That was my first date I guess. He was nice. He had a brand-new truck.

(Destiny) How was he with kids?

(Irene) How was he with kids? He was strict with kids. But he loved them.

(Destiny) Tell us about him and his horse.

(Irene) Oh he loved his horse. A saddle horse, brownie. Used to ride him all the time. Go check cows. But he’d rather take dog, cat or dog. He didn’t need anybody to go with him to go check cows. He’d say, Ah I don’t need anybody else, I’ll use my dog. And He just to bring all the cows in himself. He used to round up cattle in the fall, in the spring and he used to brand the calves. This guy used to come and help him brand. Then he let him go. He asked me to marry him, he said I want to marry you to look after you, not to abuse you, I’ll be good to you, he was, he was kind. And we had a outside platform here in town site, they had the wedding dance and his best friend Chilly Moss, next morning, he was sleeping in his car and the police came and they picked him up, just for a little while but then they let him go.

(Destiny) How many kids did you guys have?

(Irene) We didn’t have any kids, but we adopted, we adopted Dean and I had Brenda. I adopted Brenda when I was in frog lake, then when I moved over here to Fishing Lake I still had her, and he took her as his daughter, as his own. And then we adopted your Dad and Paul. And your dad used to be the dishwasher. He used to wash the dishes all the time. And he liked going to rodeos. But I didn’t really care for it, me, but he did.

(Destiny) What’s your favourite memory?

(Irene) My favourite memory together is when he brought me to Fishing Lake. It was nice there but they didn’t have no trees. Just a house, and we never had no furniture, just a stove and table, and a couch. But he treated me good.