

Jonas Audlakiak

I was born just across from Qikiqtarjuaq in a place called Anigatalie. I have lived all my life at Qikiqtarjuaq and I have travelled by walking, dogteam, snowmobile, canoe and airplane.

My father's name is Markosie Audlakiak and my late mother's name was Leah Audlakiak. My brothers names are Jaycopie, Stevie, Denny and Simonie and my sisters names are Lena and Jeannie. My late mother was a good artist and my brother Jaycopie was a soapstone artist. I am married and my children are Eena Ann, JD and Abby.



I have done a little carving, I learned from my brother Jaycopie who used to make good soapstone carvings. My mother was good at working with sealskin and rabbit, making clothes, kamik, and art wallhangings with fur. Everyone in my hometown is an artist so I gave it a try and I like it. In jewellery and metal work program you get to learn making container, rings, bracelet, brooch, ornaments and drawing. In my home town selling jewellery is a good way to make money and when I retire I will still make art. I like going out seal hunting, mainly I grew up seal hunting so that's way I keep making ring seal art.