



# Iditarod Trail Committee

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### **Iditarod Trail Committee honors memory, contributions of Joseph Redington Jr.**

**Wasilla, Alaska** - The Iditarod Trail Committee is saddened to learn of the passing of Joseph (Joe) Redington Jr. on Aug. 14, 2017, in Fairbanks at the age of 74. Joe was the oldest son of Joe Redington Sr., the “Father of the Iditarod.”

Joe followed in his father’s footsteps, winning the 1966 Fur Rendezvous while he was serving in the United States Army. He placed 12<sup>th</sup> in the 1967 Iditarod Centennial Race. Later, he finished the 1974 Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race in ninth place and ran the Iditarod one more time in 1975, finishing in third place. But his passion was in sprint racing.

Joe and his wife, Pam, lived in Manley Hot Springs, where they raised their daughter, Heather, and son, Joe Ray. In 2003, 2015 and 2017, Joe Redington was instrumental in transforming the community of Manley Hot Springs into the third checkpoint on the Iditarod Trail when the race restart was moved to Fairbanks due to poor weather conditions.

In 2017, the Manley Hot Springs checkpoint was awarded the prestigious Golden Clipboard Award that is presented annually by the Iditarod Trail Committee to the checkpoint that goes above and beyond during the race. Joe played a big role in Manley Hot Springs receiving that award.

There will be a celebration of life for Joe Redington Jr. in Manley Hot Springs on Monday, Aug. 21, at 1 p.m. at the Manley cemetery, which will be followed by a potluck at The Hangar.

### **About the Iditarod Trail Committee**

Headquartered in Wasilla, Alaska, the Iditarod Trail Committee is charged with preserving the historic tradition of the sled dog and the Iditarod Trail, by promoting and staging the annual Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race. For more information, visit: [www.iditarod.com](http://www.iditarod.com).

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