

## Evelyn Eagle Speaker

Evelyn Eagle Speaker was the first Calgary Stampede Queen in 1954. She is a Blackfoot woman from the Blood Reserve and was 19 years old when she ran for Queen of the Calgary Stampede. At the time there were only queen and princess roles at the Calgary stampede nothing for natives, she was the only native to hold this title. I chose Evelyn Eagle Speaker because she was an inspiration to others, she was also kind, and smart. She wanted to represent her people and well she was doing it.

Evelyn Eagle Speaker was an inspiring person because she was the first native woman to represent the Blackfoot people in the Calgary Stampede. She faced racism but despite this she continued on. The Calgary stampede honoured Evelyn Eagle Speaker as one of its 100 Outstanding Albertans.

Evelyn was also a kind person. For me a kind person is someone who tries to help someone else when they are hurt or getting bullied and helps someone that falls, or needs work done, talking to them if they have problems. For me, Evelyn showed that she was a kind person because she wanted to inspire her people. She also donated all of her clothing to charity.

Evelyn Eagle Speaker wanted to represent her people in a positive way and she did this through education. She was in high school after high school she graduated in 1953 and went to the college in Calgary and after college she graduated and became a Calgary Stampede queen. Then after she was done she got a job at Shell and that's when she met her husband Robert and got married in 1957 in 1958 then went on a trip at Vancouver. Their daughter was born there in Vancouver, a year later they all returned in 1961.

She was smart because she never made mistakes or made excuses she just went for her goals and was not afraid. She helped out her people gave them support and someone they could look up to. She finished high school and college, and worked at Shell and she became a queen.

I am inspired to be a hero because I will give a lot of money away so the poor people won't be poor no more. I will also get a job and earn money. I am going for my learners this year, maybe, but if I do I'll earn money and start working and helping with charities. Maybe I could sell some of my stuff I'll just do it for my people and I'll try to become a hard worker. Working all the time, day and night, learn my language more. I could open up a restaurant and sell some bannock, fry bread, berry soup because my uncle makes it good. That way I can also help my family. I could become successful in my career in the future when I am 18, that's what I'll do to inspire others in the future.

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