For Igorot Only - Burial Cloth

Probably... the last weaver of abel-binaig which so important to the dead of Igorot

Her name is Salvacion Ramos, 85 years old from Bagani Campo, Candon City, Ilocos Sur, Philippines. What’s so important with her? She’s an “agab-abel” of what they called “abel dagiti minatay ti Igorot in Benguet and Mountain Province.” Some of which are called Inniwes and Binaigan.

The woven cloth or burial cloth are being used by the dead one of Igorot like in Bontoc, Sagada and other parts of Cordillera– it depends upon the color.

They say, she’s the only one now, who can weave this kind of mantle that is worn specifically by males who passed away.

In the “abel”, the design include a boat, figure of a man, and a place what they called “saeban”. Anyone can weave, but only by her hand this design can be made.

Nana Salvacion do the “gan-ay”, “rimas”, “piltak” and the weaving.

But Nang Salvacion is too old now to do this mission which she inherited from her mother’s mother. Igorot’s in weary where they will go if Nang Salvacion cannot do anymore the weaving.

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