Jeanette (Nanny) Irene St. Arneault
August 9, 1924 - November 23, 2013

Jeanette arrived in Hay River in 1948 and made it her home until 1973. During this time she worked many jobs in addition to raising her children. She moved to Yellowknife to be near her grandchildren and held several cooking jobs (Con Mine and Akaicho Hall). She returned to Hay River to run the Hay River Group Home and always stated that it was her favourite job, as it involved her favourite things (looking after children/teens and cooking). Over the years, Jeanette was active in many social activities such as Native Women, Métis Association, and the Catholic Church. She was always there to lend a helping hand wherever and whenever it was needed.

She was dearly loved and will be sadly missed by her daughters Bea (Blair) and Delilah, and son John (Connie).

Grandchildren: Jeanette, Michael (Lacey), Martin (Lona) Goldney, Wade (Sarah), Justine Jensen; Tara (Darryl) Sarnecki, Lori Anne (Doug) Shoemaker and Paddy Larocque; Brooke Roste; Delani and Dania Valin; Tanice (Bill) Turner.


Great-Great Grandchildren: Dylon Larocque and Brielle Foshaug.

Sisters: Laura Christian, Mary Hansen, Mable (Bill) Dunn; and Brothers: John (Pat) Clarke and Buddy Clarke, as well as many nieces and nephews.

Jeanette was predeceased by her parents Harry and Vitaline Clarke, husband, Hugh St. Arneault; son Martin St. Arneault and daughter-in-law Diane St. Arneault; sisters, Jessie, Beatrice, Theresa, Marguerite and Noreen; brothers Warren, Joe and Alex; and great-granddaughter, Victoria Hunkin.

A Funeral Celebration of Jeanette’s life was held on November 29, 2013 at the Catholic Church in Hay River. A huge THANK YOU to family and friends for their kind words, prayers, thoughts, food and flowers - CWL for the reception food, Father Don, Brad Mapes and Joe McBryan (Buffalo Joe) for their kind services.

We also would like to extend a special thank you to her homecare workers, as well as the staff at the Woodland Manor and HH Williams Hospital.