It is with great sadness that we announce the death of our mom, grandma, great grandma, sister, and friend who passed away peacefully surrounded by her beloved family at the Inverness Consolidated Memorial Hospital in Nova Scotia, on May 30, 2014. Born in Inverness, Cape Breton, on November 7, 1936, Wilma made Margaree Forks her home for the past 39 years. She is survived by her loving husband of 57 years, Bill, her children, Debbie (Wilfred MacIsaac), Beverley (John Bowden), Barry (Kathleen), Brian (Mary Elizabeth), Kelly (David Doucet), Glenn (Kim), Ian (Kristine), Adam (Donna), Ashley, and Tracey (Emma). She also nurtured and loved 18 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren who will miss her dearly.

Wilma was the daughter of the late Henry and Lizzie Timmons of Inverness. She leaves behind many brothers and sisters; Buddy (Mollie), Betty, Hank (Audrey), Wilson (Pearle), Alfred, Harvey (Anna), Joyce (Mac McPhee), Donalda, Dougie (Florence), and Doreen. She is pre-deceased by her brothers; Albert, Andy, Edgar, Donald, and Jackie, as well as her brothers-in-law, Phil Scott (Doreen), Tony Tonelli (Betty), and Lauchie MacEachern (Donalda).

Mom dedicated her life to raising her children well, always underlining the importance of family and the need to get along with each other. She extended her boundless love and compassion beyond her immediate children, however, taking in over 200 foster children over the past 30 years, 47 of whom were long-term placements. She always showed those she fostered and adopted a mother’s love and reminded us all what it means to be human and to love unconditionally.

She was a woman of true humility and integrity who believed in the value of hard work and doing things right, giving people fair chances, and, again, in the power of family.

A celebration of Wilma’s life took place on June 3rd at the St. Matthew’s United Church in Inverness, Nova Scotia.