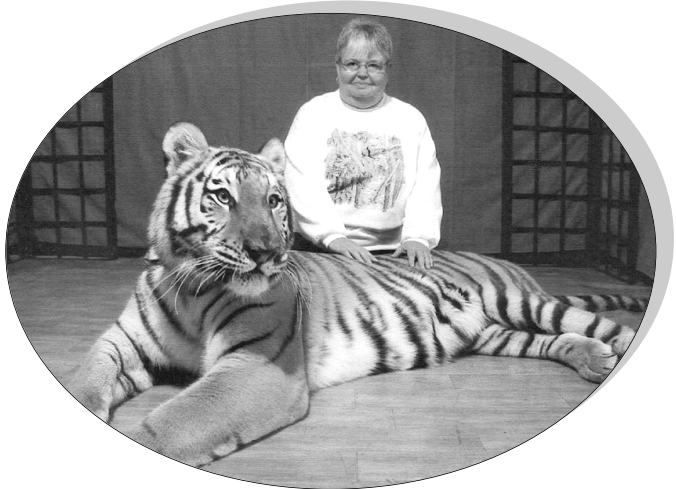


Sydney Elizabeth Cooke

August 16, 1948 - October 9, 2003



Sydney Elizabeth Cooke passed away peacefully on October 9, 2003 in her home in Yellowknife with her husband at her side. Sydney was born in Ottawa, Ontario on August 16, 1948. She attended Business College in Montreal and worked for Sun Life in Montreal, Sharps Theater Supplies in Calgary, University of Alberta in Edmonton; and eventually started a business in Fort St. John, BC. Sydney married Jarvis Gray on February 24, 1984 and they have one daughter Louise Gray. She was also a caring foster parent in Alberta and British Columbia. She touched many lives with her love, kindness and fairness and had a special rapport with animals from Lightning the horse that used to lay down beside her to rest his head on her lap to her dogs Squirt and Star that thought she was simply the best person of all.

Sydney leaves behind her husband Jarvis, daughter Louise, her adopted sister Kathy Gilland Duperron of Cumberland, BC, special friends Carol Maclachlan and Elsie Doysher of Fort St. John, BC and her cousins and friends. Sydney will be sadly missed by all. Her mother Rose Mary and her father Ken predeceased her.

A gathering will be held in celebration of Sydney's life at 1:00 pm Wednesday, October 15, 2003 at Lakeview Cemetery, Yellowknife, and concurrently at Fort St. John, BC, followed by a lunch at her home. In lieu of lowers, donations may be sent to SPCA.