Mabel Etmanski, long time northern resident, passed away March 22, 2007 after a courageous two year battle with cancer. Mabel was born at Keg River, Alberta, June 30, 1931. She and her family travelled along the Peace and Slave River waterways, living for periods at Fort Vermillion, Fort Chipewyan, Campsell Portage, Goldfields and Fort Smith. Mabel retained her attachment to the bush life her the course of her life, in recent years she spent many weekends at her cabin on the Mackenzie highway. Mabel moved to Yellowknife in 1951 and continued to reside there until her passing. Mabel was a wonderful friend to many and a loving mother, grandmother, and auntie. She is survived by her children, Shirley Curtis, Sheila Rothgordt, and Dennis Whitford as well as, grandchildren James, Jennifer, and Kyle. Mabel also has three surviving sisters, Angie, Jennie, and Helen as well as a brother, Norman. Mabel’s life is celebrated by a wake at Tree of Peace Friendship Centre and a mass at St. Patrick’s Church. Mabel’s family expresses a heartfelt thank you to the staff at Stanton Territorial Hospital and Homecare as well as the many family and friends who supported Mabel during her illness and at the time of her passing.