Marie Adele Gon passed away at the age of 81 at the Stanton Territorial Hospital on September 18, 2017 after a long illness that caused her to lose her sight and precious memories. Marie Adele was fortunate enough to have her family members surrounding as she took her last breath. Marie Adele met her husband, Joseph (Edźı̨ą̕) Gon, in 1953 and together they raised thirteen children. They made a home in Franks Channel (Deke) before moving to Behchokǫ in the 1960’s, where she helped her mother, Liaza Football, (deceased 1974) raise her siblings, Therese Drybones, Eddie Football and Celine Football. Marie Adele encouraged her children and grandchildren to follow their dreams and use their full potential. She has always advised her children to maintain certain standards of morals and insisted on daily prayers as part of everyday life. She was a strong believer in the Roman Catholic Church, as she would recite her daily prayers, “Our Father who art in Heaven.”

Mom, you have departed this world with grace and courage, and left us wondering how wonderful it must be. Your presence is felt in our hearts, and it gives us comfort to know that you are watching over us with your loving husband, Edźı̨ą̕. We miss you dearly.

The family of Marie Adele Gon would like to say a big thank you for all your support and condolences received during our time of needs, especially to the staff of Stanton Territorial Hospital. The support received from the Community Government of Behchokǫ, Tłı̨chǫ Government, and Jimmy Erasmus Senior Home. Mahsi cho to the people of Behchokǫ for all your support and contributions. Marie Adele will be missed by numerous families, nieces, nephews, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. A funeral service was held in Behchokǫ on September 21, 2017.