



Catherine Frances Jessie McLean

November 4, 1946 - April 9, 2007

It is with deep sorrow that the family of Catherine Frances Jessie McLean mourn the peaceful passing of a loving and generous woman. Cathy died on April 9, 2007, surrounded by her family, following a long and difficult battle with rheumatoid arthritis. She fought her illness with great determination and dignity.

Cathy was born in High Prairie, AB, to Kay and Peter Ferguson on November 4, 1946 and spent the first 12 years of her life in the Yukon. In 1958 Cathy moved to Fort Smith, NT, with her parents.

Cathy met her soul mate, Glen, in January 1965. Cathy and Glen were married on May 27, 1967, in Fort Smith and would have celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary this year. Cathy and Glen have three daughters and spent much time together as a family.

Cathy had many passions in life but first and foremost was her family and in particular her eight grandchildren and niece Joanna.

Cathy had many artistic talents including drawing, knitting, crocheting and cross-stitching. Many of her cross-stitch pictures were donated to the NWT Council of Persons with Disabilities for their annual auction. She was an avid gardner and seemed to grow anything with ease and would often can her own vegetable and make tasty jams and jellies. She also enjoyed playing bingo with her many friends.

Cathy was an amazing wife and mother. She always ensured that Glen and her girls came first. She was loving and kind and the void left by her death will never be eased.

Cathy is survived by her loving and devoted husband of nearly 40 years, Glen; their three daughters: Deborah Modeste (Norman), Cheryl Forrestall (Shaun), and Catherine Burgess (Peter); and the joys of her life, her grandbabies: Kayla, Lauren and Jaiden Modeste; Leah, Katrina, Shauna and Laura Forrestall; and Ryan Burgess.

Cathy is also survived by her sister Judy LePrieur (Gerry) and her brother Joseph Ferguson; niece Joanna LePrieur and nephews Peter, Shaun and Patrick Ferguson.

Cathy was predeceased by her mother Kay Ferguson on August 9, 1968, her father Peter Ferguson on May 9, 1996 and her brother Fredrick Ferguson on February 9, 2003.

Funeral services will take place in Fort Smith, NT on Saturday, April 14, 2007 at 2:00 pm followed by interment at St. Isidore's Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the NWT Council of Persons with Disabilities or the Arthritis Society of Canada - Joints in Motion Campaign (Alberta and NWT Region). Donations can be made at www.arthritis.ca or by calling 1-800-321-1433.

