Joyce Christina McLean, age 62, formally of Yellowknife, passed away on May 5, 2017 at St. Mary’s Hospital in Camrose, Alberta after a courageous battle with cancer. She was a beloved wife, mother, grandmother, sister and friend.

Joyce was born in Hay River on October 29, 1954 and grew up in Fort Resolution. She was the daughter of the late John Casaway and the late Agnes (Collins) Casaway. Joyce worked for the Government of the Northwest Territories for over 30 years where she had countless friends before she retired in 2015. Besides her loving husband, Garry, Joyce leaves her son, Bruce Cockney of Barrhead, AB, her daughter, Crystal Cockney of Yellowknife, and step-children, Marvin (Cory) McLean of Kelowna, BC, Arthur McLean of Sherwood Park, AB, and Kayla (Robert) Wilson of Hay Lakes, AB. Joyce also leaves behind her cherished grandchildren, Madison, Riley, Lyndyn, Autumn, Ava, Everly and highly anticipated great-grandchild, as well as numerous brothers, sisters, nieces, nephews and close friends.

Joyce was an incredible person and loved spending time with her grandchildren. She also loved quilting and enjoyed going on picnics cooking on an open fire. She also enjoyed reading, baking and simply spending time laughing with her family and friends.

At Joyce’s request, a Celebration of Life and potluck will be held in Yellowknife on June 25, 2017 from 2:00 - 5:00 pm at the Tree of Peace boardroom and is open to all family and friends. We kindly ask you to bring your favourite dish, a fun filled story of you and Joyce, and enjoy celebrating Joyce’s life as much as we enjoyed her in our lives.

“Decide right now that you are going to think only good thoughts. At the same time, proclaim to the Universe that all your good thoughts are powerful, and that any negative thoughts are weak.”

— Rhonda Byrne